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Resignation of T. S Anderson

Department of State

Austin Texas - Dec 27th 1859

To His Excellency The Governor of Texas

Sir

I hereby resign the Office of Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

I have the honor to remain with high respect

Your Obedient Servant

T S Anderson

Executive Office
27th December 1859

To E. W. Cave Esq.

Sir

Appointment of E.W. Cave, Secty of State —

You are hereby appointed acting Secretary of State, of the State of Texas, and will be qualified accordingly

Your Obt Servt

Sam Houston

Oath —

I E W Cave do Solemnly Swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, according to the best of my Skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of this State and of the United States, and I do further Solemnly Swear, That since the adoption of the Constitution of the State by the Congress of the United States, I being a Citizen of this State have not fought a duel with deadly Weapons within this State, out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a Challenge to fight a duel with deadly Weapons, nor have I acted as Second in carrying a Challenge or aided, advised, or assisted any person thereto.

So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 27th day of December 1859 — James E.

Pardon of
Wm H. Taylor

Executive Office
Austin, Texas Dec 27th 1859

To the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of the State of Texas.

A full and free pardon is hereby granted to William H. Taylor convicted upon a charge of the Murder of one Samuel Lockhart in the County of San Saba, at the Spring Term, 1859, of the District Court of said County.

You will by Virtue of this pardon release the said William H Taylor from Custody.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State City the Twenty Seventh day of December, A.D. 1859, at my Office in the City of Austin.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Office of Secretary of State
Austin, Dec 28th 1859

Mr. Bird Holland

Dear Sir

You are hereby appointed to the Post of Chief Clerk in this Department and will be qualified in accordance with Law.

Secretary of State

Proclamation

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, information has reached the Executive that armed bands are in existence, Creating Serious disturbances, effecting the peace and dignity of the State and the Security of a Number of its Citizens, Now

Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby Command all persons Connected with an engaged in the Same, Who may be Citizens of this State, to return to their homes and to the exercise of their lawful Occupations; and all persons holding Allegiance to a foreign Government, if any there be, Who may be Connected with such disturbances, are hereby notified that if arrested with arms in their hands, they will be treated as bandits and invaders.

Whatever may be the Causes which have given rise to the disorders mentioned, It behooves all good Citizens, Who love the laws and wish to maintain their Supremacy, to unite their endeavors to Stop this lawless enterprise. If injuries have been Sustained by individuals, they Can find no necessity, in a free government like ours, to resort to deeds of Violence to right their Wrongs, but may rely upon the guarantee afforded them by the Constitution and laws for their protection.

In the Name of law and Order, I appeal to the Citizens of the Rio Grande Country to stay the hand of Violence, that a further resort to retaliatory measures may not be necessary. I ask those who have been deluded into this enterprise, to abandon it. The laws are to be executed alike to all our Citizens of Whatever Tongue; and none need fear prejudice

The Executive Cannot judge from the information before him as to the Causes of these disturbances. That they exist is apparent and calls for this interposition in the name of law, Order and humanity. If Continued, after the Lawless have been thus Warned, he Can only resort to Such decisive measures as may be necessary to maintain the public peace. Investigation is necessary and shall be made. If any have been wronged their Cause shall be heard. Further rebellion against the laws Can only tarnish their claims to justice. If, as alleged by those engaged in these disturbances, they rely upon the present Executive to "begin with Care to give them the legal protection

within the limits of his powers," we can assure them that no constitutional means shall be left unused to guard the rights of every citizen from invasion, and that those who return to their duty may rely upon the protection of the laws.

Done at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this the Twenty Eighth day of December A.D. 1839

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The foregoing was also published in the Spanish Language.

Attest

Remission of Judgment against Garner/Potts

The State of Texas

Whereas at the Fall Term of the District court of Leon County, a judgment for the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars principal, and Sixteen dollars and forty cents Costs was Obtained against Thos. H Garner and John H Potts, Citizens of said County, as Securities upon a recognizance for the appearance of one James H Mc Lendon at the term of said Court upon a Charge of Embezzlement, and it having now been shown that prior to the rendition of said judgment on account of the Non appearance of said Mc Lendon, the said Thos H. Garner and John H Potts were ready to prove that the said James H Mc Lendon did, on the first day of the Fall Term aforesaid, place himself in the Custody of the Sheriff of said Leon County, and if he did not there remain, it was not the fault of his Securities, Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the powers in me vested, do remit the said judgment against the said Thomas H. Garner and John H Potts, for the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars principal, leaving the said judgment for Costs in full force against the said parties, and the District Clerk of said Leon County will make record of the same accordingly.

In testimony whereof, I have here to Set my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at my Office in the City of Austin, this, the Twenty ninth day of December, A D 1839, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

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Pardon of
J.J. Dunn

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term of the District court of the County of Guadalupe in Said State of Texas, Commencing on the 7th day of November A.D. 1859, one J.J. Dunn, was fined in the Sum of Two Hundred dollars and Costs, upon a Conviction for assault and battery, upon the person of his wife —— Dunn, and in default of the payment Thereof was Committed to the jail of Said County, where he now remains, and it having been Shown upon the petition of a respectable Number of the Citizens of Said County that the Ends of justice Cannot be Served by longer Keeping him in jail, Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me Vested, do declare the Said fine remitted and that upon the payment of the Costs in Said Convictions accruing, the jailor or Sheriff of Said County Shall discharge the Said J.J. Dunn from Custody.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State at my Office in the City of Austin this, the 31st day of December A.D 1859, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Release of
E B Smith
from Fine

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1859. of the District Court for the County of Travis, one E B. Smith was fined in the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars and Costs, upon four Indictments, for Selling liquors in less quantities than one quart and it being shown that the liquor Sold by the Said Smith was in Merchantable bottles, purchased by him as quarts and Sold by him to his guests, as Hotel Keeper, for the Same, with reference to a Compliance with the Law governing Such Cases.

Now therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me Vested, do hereby declare the Said fines, amounting to the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars to be remitted, leaving the Costs accruing with the Same in full force against the Said E. B. Smith.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at my Office in the City of Austin, this the Second day of January A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

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Requisition for J R Swift

Executive Department
Austin January 2d 1860

To the Executive Authority of the State of
Louisiana,

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents which are hereby certified to be authentic, that J. R Swift stands charged with obtaining money under false pretences, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received that the said J. R Swift has fled from justice and taken refuge in the State of Louisiana, Now,

Therefore I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said J. R Swift as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to A C. Miller, who is hereby appointed the agent on the part of the State to receive said Swift.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State affixed at the City of Austin this the 2d day of January A.D one Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the 84th, and of Texas, the 24th Year

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Requisition for Jasper Gliddan

Executive Department

Austin January 2d 1860

To The Executive Authority of the State of New York or Massachusetts.

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that Jasper F. Glidden, stands charged with aiding and abetting in a robbery, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Jasper F. Glidden has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of New York or Massachusetts.

Therefore I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said Jasper F. Glidden as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to S. F. Green, who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive said Glidden.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin this, the 2d day of January A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the 84th and of Texas the 24th Year.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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Pardon of
Jno A Baker

The State of Texas.

Whereas, At the Fall Term of the District Court, in and for the County of Tyler in said State of Texas, one John A Baker, was Convicted upon an Indictment for the Crime of perjury, and Sentenced to five years Confinement in the Penitentiary, and it being Shown by the petition of a large Number of the Citizens of said County, and also of the Judge of the said District Court, That although the Legal proof necessary to a Conviction was before the jury, Yet a Reasonable doubt remained that the said Baker did not Wantonly Commit the Act of Perjury, for which he was Convicted. Now, Therefore,

I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me Vested, do hereby declare a full and free pardon granted to the said John A Baker, in Consideration of the facts Set forth in said petition in his behalf, believing that the ends of justice do not demand that the said Baker be longer Kept in Confinement, to the Misfortune of his family who are dependant upon him for support. And the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of Texas, or such other person as may have Charge of the same will release the said John A Baker from Confinement and hold this as his warrant for the same.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto Sign my Name and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at my Office in the City of Austin, this the 5th day of January A D one Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, of the Independence of the United States the 84th and of Texas the 24th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Pardon of Sam. Findley

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. 1857. of the District Court in and for the County of Cherokee, in said State of Texas, one Samuel Findley, was Convicted upon an Indictment for Murder and Sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, and it being Shown by the petition of a large Majority of the resident Voters of said Cherokee County, and of a number of the citizens of McLennan County, That a reasonable exists for the exercise of Executive Clemency in behalf of said Samuel Findley; and it being further Shown from the Court petition of James M Higgins, that "Judge Reagan in his Charge to the Jury in Sam Findleys Case, Summed up the evidence and Applied the Law in a Masterly Manner" which was wrong in accordance with law, The Judge having no right to Charge upon the facts, and it being Shown from the Certificates of the District Clerks of the Counties of Cherokee and Rusk, That Said Charge is Lost or Mislaid, So That the Said Findley is deprived of the benefit, which would or might result from an examination of it by the Executive Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me Vested and in Consideration of the number and respectability of the Petitioners and the facts Stated in Connection with Said Charge, do hereby grant unto The Said Samuel Findley a full, free and unconditional Pardon, And the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, or the Keeper of the Same, will release the Said Samuel Findley from Confinement and hold This as his Warrant for the Same.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand, and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the Sixth day of January A.D 1860, and in the Year of the Independance of Texas, the Twenty fourth, and of the United States, the Eighty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term of the District Court in and for the County of Collin, in said State of Texas, held on the 30th day of March A.D. 1859, one James T. Shoemaker was convicted jointly with one Frank M Copeland, upon an Indictment for Hog Stealing, and Sentenced to the Penitentiary of the State for the Term of two Years; and it being Shown upon the petition of a large number of respectable Citizens of the County of Collin, and of the Hon Nat M Burford, Judge, and James L Robinson District Attorney of the 16th Judicial District, That the said Shoemaker's Claim to justice were prejudiced by his being Tried jointly with Copeland, and That Testimony adduced Since his Trial and Conviction Shows him to be innocent, as far as the intent to Commit the Crime was Concerned. Now,

Therefore I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me Vested by the Constitution, do hereby grant unto the said James T. Shoemaker, a free, full and unconditional pardon, And the Superintendent or keeper of the State Penitentiary will release the said Shoemaker from Confinement, and hold this as his Warrant for the Same.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this, the Sixth day of January A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of the United States the 84th, and of the Republic the 24th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Department of State
Austin, Texas Jan. 11th 1860

Col Kit Carson

Dear Sir

Accompanying this please find a certified copy of a Joint Resolution passed by the Legislature of Texas, appropriating the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, or as much thereof, as may be necessary to procure the restoration to his friends of the Boy William Hooter, now in your charge.

You will be kind enough to send the Boy mentioned by the regular mail Stage line to Care of Messrs Vance & Brother, San Antonio, to be forwarded to Care of Mr Frank Stricklin, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County Texas.

Your draft for the amount Expended in behalf of the Boy will be duly honored by his Excellency, Governor Houston. His Expenses from San Antonio to Fredericksburg will be provided for.

Your generous zeal in behalf of this youth will but add to the high estimation in which You are held by all Texans, Such promptitude in behalf of humanity, will I assure you, not be forgotten by our people.

With many wishes for your Success
I have the honor to be
Your respectfully.

Secretary of State

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State Department

Austin Jan 11th 1860.

Messrs Vance & Brocker
San Antonio

Gentlemen!

By request of Hon. P. Bredel, a member from Gillespie County, I have ordered Shipped to your Care, a boy named William Worsham, rescued from the Indians in New Mexico by Mr Carson.

You will be kind to Forward to Fredericksburg, Care of Mr Frank Strickland. His Expenses will be paid to your City. The amount expended by you on his behalf, will be paid upon presentation of your draft to the Governor.

The intelligence of the safe arrival of the Boy to his place of destination, will be received with satisfaction by this Department

Very Respectfully

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term 1857, of the District Court in and for the County of Williamson, a judgment for the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars, and Costs, was rendered against Thomas B Huling, Josiah Dyche and Joseph Fish as Securities for the appearance at the Spring Term 1858, of said Court, of one James M Eaves, upon an indictment for Killing one Johnson Hays, and it being shown upon the petition of a large number of the Citizens of said County, that the execution of this judgment will fall upon Thomas B. Huling, who has already expended a large amount of money in the effort to arrest the said Eaves, and that it is a question of much doubt whether the said Eaves could have been convicted, if he had answered his appearance. Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority invested by the Constitution and laws, do hereby declare the said judgment against the said parties remitted, and the District Clerk of the County of Williamson, will make record of the same accordingly; but nothing in this remission shall be so construed as to prevent the costs in said Case remaining in full force and effect against the parties.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this the 11th day of January A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the 24th and of the Independence of the United States the 84th

By the Governor

Secretary of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term, A.D. 1859 of the District Court in and for the County of Bexar, in said State of Texas, one Charles Smith, was Convicted of Swindling and Sentenced to the Penetentiary for two years, and it being shown upon the petition of all of the jury who decided said cause, that if the law had allowed them to give the prisoner the benefit of a doubt as to his intent to Commit a Crime, they would have acquitted him, the which is endorsed by the acting District Attorney, and the facts set forth in the same and also endorsed upon the petition of a respectable number of the Citizens of said County; And it being also shown that one Collins, who was jointly charged upon the indictment with Smith, but tried Separately and upon the same testimony, was acquitted; Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby grant unto the said Charles Smith a full, free and unconditional Pardon, And the Sheriff of the County of Bexar will release him the said Charles Smith from Confinement and make this his Warrant for the same.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this Eleventh day of January A.D. 1860. and in the year of the Independence of Texas the twenty fourth, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to me, That at the Fall Term of the District Court of Smith County in said State of Texas, in the year 1857, one John Cason was found guilty of the Crime of Assault with intent to Murder, and Sentenced to five years hard labor in the State Penitentiary; And Whereas, many good Citizens of said County of Smith, and also of the County of Johnson, have Petitioned me to pardon the said John Cason; And believing the incarceration already endured in the Penitentiary, now about three years, and for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, Therefore, Be it Known that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby grant to the said John Cason a full and free pardon from said penalty of imprisonment, and I hereby direct the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary to release and discharge the said John Cason from all further confinement therefor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this, the 12th day of January A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of the United States, the 84th, and of the Independence of Texas the 24th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to me, that on the 4th day of February 1858 in the County of Bexar, in said State of Texas, James Beardall Committed Murder upon the body of one Louis Varo; And Whereas, the said James Beardall has fled from justice, Now Therefore,

Be it Known, that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by Law, do hereby offer a reward of Two Hundred Dollars for the arrest and delivery of the said James Beardall to the Sheriff of Bexar County in order that he may be dealt with for said Crime of Murder; according to Law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 12th day of January A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Be it known that I, Sam Houston,
Governor of the State of Texas, having confidence in the Capacity
and integrity of Rufus Price Esq. of the County of San Augustine,
do hereby appoint him, the said Rufus Price to the Office of
Collector and Treasurer of the Subscription for the improvement
of the Angelina River, vice A.S Kyle, deceased.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my
hand, and affixed the Great Seal of the
State, at the City of Austin; this, the thirteenth
day of January A.D 1860, and in the year
of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth.

By the Governor.

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to me, that on the 15th day of November 1859, in the County of Leon, in Said State of Texas, one A. P. Spears Committed Murder upon the body of one Louis A. Durrett, and Whereas, the Said A. P. Spears has fled from justice, and is now going at large; Therefore,

Be it Known, that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority, vested in me by Law, do hereby Offer a Reward of Three Hundred Dollars, for the arrest and delivery of the Said A. P. Spears to the Sheriff of Leon County, in order that he may be dealt with for said Crime of Murder, according to Law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 14th day of January A.D 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Description of A. P. Spears

"Age about 35 years — Height about 5 ft 8 inches, Somewhat Slender in person and slightly Sloap Shouldered — Black hair and Small black eyes, Quick Spoken and quick in Motion — A Nervous temperament. In address and demeanor plausible, except When excited from anger, — At Such time is Violent, boisterous and domineering. Occupation, Merchant, and formerly a Steamboat Captain — Commanded the Steamer Jenkins on Trinity River Texas.

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Executive Department
Austin Texas January 16th 1860

To The Executive Authority of The State of Louisiana.

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents which are hereby certified to be authentic, That one John Parks stands charged with the theft of a Gelding, the property of Ben Roberts, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, That the said John Parks has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Louisiana, Therefore,

I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said John Parks as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered To William A Daly and John Brandfort, or either of them who are hereby appointed the Agents on the part of the State to receive him.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, This the 16th day of January A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty. And of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fourth, and of Texas the Twenty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the July Term, A D 1859, of the District Court held in and for the County of Red River in said State of Texas, One Matthias Zuckswantz, was Convicted upon an Indictment for Suffering Liquor to be drank on his premises where he had Sold the same — he having plead guilty, and it being now shown upon the petition of a number of respectable Citizens of said County, that the said Liquor was so drank Contrary to the wishes and against the requests of the said Zuckswantz

Now, Therefore,

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me vested by the laws and Constitution, do hereby declare the fine assessed against the said Matthias Zuckswantz of fifty dollars to be remitted, leaving the costs thereby accruing in full force against him.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this the twenty third day of January A D 1860 and in the Year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth, and of the United States, the Eighty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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The State of Texas

To All and Singular, The Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers — Greeting:

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me by Robert F. W. Wickliffe, Governor of the State of Louisiana, That James Johnson stands charged by Indictments found in the Thirteenth Judicial District of the said State of Louisiana, with the Crime of "Obtaining property under false pretences" committed in the Seventeenth day of June 1859, in the Parish of Rapides, in said State of Louisiana, and That the said James Johnson has fled from Justice in said State of Louisiana, and Taken refuge in this State of Texas: And Whereas the said Governor of the State of Louisiana in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, has demanded of me, That I cause the said James Johnson to be arrested and delivered to George W. Franklin, the duly authorized Agent of the State of Louisiana, to receive the said Johnson into custody, and convey him back to the State of Louisiana; And Whereas, the said representation and demand and accompanied by a Copy of said Indictments duly certified as authentic by said Governor of Louisiana.

Now Therefore,

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State and of the United States, issue this my Warrant Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of this State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said James Johnson and deliver him When Arrested, to George W. Franklin, the duly authorized Agent of the said State of Louisiana, to receive him, in order That he may be taken back to the said State of Louisiana, to be dealt with for the Crime of "Obtaining property under false pretences"

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State, to be affixed, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this The 26th day of January, A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of Texas, the 24th and of the United States, the 84th

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term, A.D 1859, of the District Court held for the County of Henderson, in the Town of Athens in the said State of Texas, one Jacob L Lindsey was convicted upon an indictment for participating in a riot, and fined in the sum of Six Hundred Dollars and Costs, And it now having been shown upon the petition of a large number of the respectable citizens of Henderson County that there is reason for the exercise of Executive Clemency in his behalf, also by a number of Citizens of Cherokee County, Together with that of the Senator and Representatives from Cherokee County, to the State Legislature, and there being other facts made known to the Executive to justify the belief that there are extenuating circumstances connected with the case,

Now Therefore,

I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby declare the said fine remitted, leaving the Costs in full force and effect against the said Jacob L Lindsey.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this, the Twenty Seventh day of January A.D 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fourth and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, On the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1859 W.L. Rogers was appointed by me to the the office of Financial Agent of the State Penitentiary, vice J.S. Besser removed, which appointment was Confirmed by the Honorable Senate, on the the thirty first day of December A.D. 1859; And it having been made known to me That the said John S Besser refused to deliver up to his Successor in Office, the books, papers, monies, goods and other property incident to the Office of Financial Agent, in his possession, Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do Warn all persons from transacting any business Connected with said Penitentiary, with the said Besser, That all purchases of him, of Penitentiary Goods will be illegal; That all Contracts made with him will be Void, and all persons indebted to the Penitentiary are hereby notified that he is not authorized to receive payment for the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State at Austin this the twenty seventh day of January A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the 24, and of the Independence of the United States, the 84 th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term A.D 1856, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Smith, in said State of Texas, two judgments finals in the sum of one hundred dollars each, were rendered against one John H Womack, as Sheriff of the County of Harrison, in said State of Texas, for failing to return two writs for the arrest of one John W Barrett to the Term of said Court in the County of Smith, and it having been shown that the said Womack did not so return the writs on the first day of said Term, on account of the absence of the said John W Barrett, he believing for his return with the intention of arresting him; but that they were returned prior to the day of Trial of the said Barrett, and that he did subsequently by virtue of two other writs, arrest the said Barrett, who appeared and stood his Trial, Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws do hereby declare the said amounts of two hundred ($200) Dollars, said Judgments, remitted, having the Costs in full force and effect against the said Womack. And the District Clerk of the County of Smith will make record accordingly.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this, the 30th day of January A.D 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the 24th, and of the United States, the 84th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Executive Department

Austin Texas, January 30th 1860.

To The Executive Authority of The State of
Arkansas

Whereas, It Appears by The annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, That Morgan Magnis, stands Charged with Maliciously disturbing a religious Congregation, an Offence Committed in The State of Texas, and information having been received, That The said Morgan Magnis, has fled from justice, and Taken refuge in Arkansas.

Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of The State of Texas, have Thought proper, in pursuance of The provisions of The Constitution and Laws of The United States, To demand The Surrender of The said Morgan Magnis, as a fugitive from justice, and That he be delivered to C. B. Kuechelow, who is hereby appointed The Agent, on The part of The State to receive him.

Given under my hand and The Great Seal of The State, at The city of Austin, This The 30th day of January A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty. And of The Independence of The United States, The Eighty Fourth, and of Texas, The Twenty Fourth.

By The Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term of the District Court for the County of Van Zandt, held November 18th A.D 1856, a forfeiture was had and judgments rendered against Frederick Farmer and John W. Christman as Securities for the appearance of one Chesley Pudget upon an indictment for assault with intent to kill, which judgments was finally rendered at the Spring Term, A.D 1858. of said Court, and it being Shown that by virtue of the power vested in His Excellency H.R Runnels, late Governor the State of Texas, a portion Towit, half of said judgment, amounting to Five Hundred Dollars was remitted; And it now being Shown That there was as much reason for remitting all of the said judgments as for remitting half of the same, the facts having shown that upon the hearing of the said cause, previously to the final rendition of the judgment, the said Chesley was proven to have been prevented from making his appearance at the November Term 1856, of the said Court, by sickness, and that previous to the said Spring Term A.D 1858, he had died: Now Therefore,

I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, in Consideration of the aforesaid facts, do hereby declare the entire amount of said judgments rendered against the said Frederick Farmer and John W. Christman and C.B. Nash, Sam Rogers, W.C Lindsey, Rice Hill, David Collins and Joseph Neal, as Securities, to be remitted, leaving the same in full force and effect against them, And the District Clerk of the County of Van Zandt will make record accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this the Twenty eighth day of January A.D 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fourth, and of the United States, the Eighty fourth.

By The Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

To The Sheriff of Walker County — Greeting

Executive Department

30th January 1860.

Whereas, It has been certified to me that John S. Besser, late Financial Agent of the Penitentiary, has refused to turn over the Books, papers, and matters, and things pertaining and belonging to the Office of Financial Agent, to M C Rogers duly appointed and Commissioned according to Law.

Now, Know ye, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby Command you to dispossess the said John S Besser of the Building or Buildings in which the said Office was kept, and to give full possession of said building or buildings, to the said M C. Rogers, Financial Agent as aforesaid, With all the Books, papers, Accounts, notes, money and all other things pertaining thereto.

Should resistance be made to the execution of this your authority, You have power hereby given, to Summon such aid as may be necessary, if it requires the posse Comitatus of the County. And you will make due return of this Mandate

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the thirty first day of January A.D. 1860, And in the year of the Independence of the United States the 84th and of the Independence of Texas, the 24th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come Greeting.

Know Ye, That Reposing Special Trust in the integrity and discretion of William H. Russell Esqr. I do hereby appoint him "Acting Commissioner" under the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act Making provisions for running and Marking the Boundary line between the State of Texas, and the Territories of the United States" Approved the 11th of February 1854, And I do hereby authorize and empower him the said Russell to exercise and fulfill all the duties of this Appointment during the time prescribed by law unless sooner removed by the Governor of the State for the time being.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the first day of February 1860, And of the Year of the Independence of Texas, the 24th, and of the United States the Eighty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, On the 22d of November A.D. 1859, the District Court for the County of Fayette, in said State rendered a judgment in favor of the State of Texas against Abraham Swartz as principal and A. Swartz and M. H. Swartz as securities for Five Hundred dollars on a forfeited bond, and whereas half of said judgment was remitted by Martin D. Runnels, late Governor of Texas, affording a reason for believing that justice demanded an exercise of Executive interference. Now Therefore,

I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby declare the entire amount of said judgment remitted, leaving the costs in full force and effect against the said Martin, and the District Court of the County of Fayette will make record accordingly.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State at Austin, this 3d day of February A.D. 1860 and in the year of the Independence of Texas the 24th and of the United States, the 84th

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term of the District court held in and for the County of Montgomery in said State of Texas, one Jackson B. Smith was convicted of Murder of the Second degree and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Penitentiary, and it now being shown upon the petition of over four hundred Citizens of the Counties of Grimes and Montgomery, that there is reason for an exercise of Executive Clemency in his behalf.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said Jackson B. Smith, a full and free pardon and the Superintendent or Keeper of the State Penitentiary, will release him from custody and hold this as his Warrant for so doing.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the Eleventh day of February A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty Fourth, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term A.D. 1858, of the District Court in and for the County of Harris, in said State of Texas, one Mary Munroe was convicted of the murder of Abigail Heady and sentenced to Confinement in the State Penitentiary for the Term of Six years. And it being shown to me by petitions and facts presented, that there is reason for the exercise of Executive Clemency in behalf of the said Mary Munroe, Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do, hereby grant unto the said Mary Munroe a full and free pardon, and the Superintendent or Keeper of the State Penitentiary will release her from Custody, and hold this as his warrant for the same.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin this the Eleventh day of February A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fourth, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fourth.

Seal

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Executive Office
Austin Texas Feby 13th 1860

To all and Singular, The Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State - Greeting.

Whereas It has been represented and made known To me by Thomas O. Moore, Governor of The State of Louisiana, That John Trentham of The said State of Louisiana, Stands charged by Indictment found in The First district Court of New Orleans in said State of Louisiana with The Crime of "Breach of Trust" and Embezzlement", and That John Trentham has fled from justice in said State, and has Taken refuge in The State of Texas; and Whereas, The said Governor of The State of Louisiana, in pursuance of The Constitution and Laws of The United States, has demanded of me That I cause The said John Trentham To be arrested and delivered To Thomas Lewis, The duly authorized Agent Appointed by said Governor of The State of Louisiana To receive said Trentham into Custody and Convey him back To The said State of Louisiana; And Whereas The said representation and demand is duly Certified as authentic by The said Governor of The State of Louisiana. Now Therefore I Sam'l Houston Governor of The State of Texas do, by Virtue of The authority Vested in me by The Constitution and Laws of this State, and of The United States, issue This my Warrant, Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of this State To arrest, and To aid and assist in arresting The said Trentham, and To deliver him When arrested To The said Thomas Lewis, Agent of said State of Louisiana, in Order That he may be Taken back To said State of Louisiana, To be dealt with for said Crime of "Breach of Trust and Embezzlement" According To Law.

Seal

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my Name and Caused The Great Seal of The State To be affixed at The Executive Office in The City of Austin This The 13th day of February A.D. 1860, and in The year of The Independence of The United States, The Eighty Fourth, and of Texas, The Twenty Fourth.

By The Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas
A State of the United States of America.

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the same, do hereby Certify, make known and declare, to all whom it may concern that Gerhard Shuken is a resident Citizen of this State, and of the said United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such Citizenship belonging, or in any wise appertaining and I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries, to permit the said Gerhard Shuken, fully and peaceably to enjoy, within their respective jurisdictions, the rights privileges and immunities aforesaid.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the city of Austin this the Seventeenth day of February A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth, and of Texas the twenty fourth.

Sam Houston

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Description and outward Appearance of Gerhard Shuken viz—

Height—Six feet 2 Inches—Hair—Light colored—Eye brows—light colored, Forehead low—Eyes—blue—Nose Small—Teeth Sound—Chin round—Face oval Complection healthy—No particular marks—

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D 1856, of the District Court of the County of Bexar, and State aforesaid, one H.A. Mann was indicted for Stealing a gold watch and other Valuables, on the 19th day of November 1855; and Whereas, John A Wilcox and John S. McDonald entered into a recognizance with the said Mann, in the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars, for his appearance at Court on the 14th day of October 1856; And Whereas on default of the non-appearance of the said Mann as required by said bond, judgment was rendered against the said Wilcox and McDonald for the amount of the said bond of Five Hundred Dollars besides Costs; And Whereas, it has been represented to me by a respectable number of the members of the Bar, that from the Conduct of said Mann, previous to, at the time of, and since the alledged charge, that he was not responsible, from derangement for the Commission of the act. And it is further represented that he is still in a deranged State of mind, in the State of Mississippi. Now Therefore,

I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby remit the forfeiture Taken and had against the said Wilcox and McDonald for the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars — leaving the parties bound for all costs accrued in the prosecution.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, This the 20th day of February 1860, and of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fourth.

By The Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term, Term on the 22d day of November AD 1858 of the District Court of the County of Montgomery, in said State of Texas, Judgment final was rendered against Stephen Johnson and his Securities, Philip Chuck and R M Arnett, for the Sum of Two hundred Dollars for non appearance to answer the charge of Gambling which Judgment was rendered at the Fall Term AD 1857 — And Whereas it has been represented and made known to me That the said Stephen Johnson has paid the fine adjudged against him for Gambling besides Costs and Charges attending said prosecution. Now Therefore I

I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit and exonerate the said Johnson and his Securities, Philip Chuck and R M Arnett from the judgment of said Court, provided all the Costs incident to the prosecution has been, or shall first be paid, and the Clerk of the District Court of the County of Montgomery is hereby directed to make such entries on his records as will give due effect to this remission.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 21st day of February AD 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

To All to whom these Presents shall come Greeting:

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of the same, do hereby Certify, make Known and declare to all whom it may Concern that,

F. Guilbeau, native of France, aged — 46 — Years — and
Mrs. F. Guilbeau (Rosario Ramon) " 26 "
Anita Guilbeau " 12 "
Francis Guilbeau Jr. " 8 " & 2 months
Rosario Guilbeau " 6 " " 9 "
Edward Guilbeau " 4 " " 9 "
Maria Guilbeau " 2 " " 10 "
Adela Guilbeau 1 " " 8 "

Natives of San Antonio Texas, and all Citizens of the United States of America, with their Servants, and that they are entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such Citizens belonging or in any wise appertaining; And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries, to permit the said F. Francis Guilbeau and his said family, fully and peaceably to enjoy within their respective jurisdiction, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto Sign my name and affix the Seal of the State at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this 23d day of February A.D. 1846, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty first and of Texas, the Twenty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Department of State

Austin March 14th 1860

Proposals will be received at this Office until the 15th day of April 1860, for the distribution of the laws and Journals of the 8th Legislature of the State of Texas. The State will be divided into two districts— the first district will embrace all the Counties — 45 in number— in the first Congressional District. The quantity to each County in the 1st District will not exceed an average of

30 Copies General Laws, 8th Legislature
2 " Special " " "
2 House & Senate Journals
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The Contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder,— the right, however, is reserved of rejecting any and all bids, if believed to be the interest of the State to do so. The Contractor will be required to give bond with Security in the Sum of three thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his Contract, and to enter upon the discharge of the same, within 15 days after the Contract is awarded. The names of two responsible persons, as Security, must accompany the bids. The Chief Justices Certificate, that the proffered Securities are responsible for the amount of the bond, will be satisfactory.

Secretary of State.

The "McKinney Messenger," Henderson Era" and "Southern Intelligencer" are authorized to publish the above three weeks, and send their Accounts to this office.

In the name and by the authority of The

State of Texas.

To all to whom These presents Shall Come— Greeting—

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas and Commander in Chief, reposing Special trust and Confidence in the Courage, Patriotism, integrity and Fidelity of Capt J. M Smith of the County of McLennan, in the State of Texas, to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and his attachment to the United States of America, do hereby authorize and Commission him the said Capt J. M Smith to raise a Company of Mounted men, rank and file, and to place the same immediately in the field, to Co-operate with Such Other force as may be raised by Col W. P. Johnson, in Order to repel, pursue and punish the Indians now ravaging the northern and Northwestern Settlements of Texas.

And the said Capt J. M Smith is duly authorized to Muster said men of his Command into the Service of the State of Texas and to do all things Whatsoever Necessary to Secure its efficiency, and is Strictly to Observe Such Orders and executes the same, as he shall from time to time receive from the Governor (Commander in Chief) or from his Aid de Camp for the time being, and in all things to Co-operate with him in furthering the Objects of this Commission, according to the rules and disciplin of War, And all inferior Officers will respect him accordingly.

In testimony Whereof I have unto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this the Seventeenth day of March A.D 1864, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the Eighty Fourth, and of Texas the Twenty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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In the name and by the authority of

The State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come —
Greeting

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, and Commander in Chief, reposing Special Confidence in the Courage, Patriotism, Integrity and fidelity of Middleton T. Johnson, to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and his attachment to the United States of America, do hereby appoint and Commission him the said Middleton T. Johnson an Aid-de Camp to the Commander in Chief for the Eleventh division of Texas Militia, with the rank of Col of Cavalry under Act of February 13. A.D 1860, with Special powers to raise a Sufficient number of Mounted men from any of the Counties of the State of Texas, to repel, pursue and punish the Indians now ravaging the Northern and North-western Settlements of Texas. And You the said Middleton. T. Johnson, are Strictly to Observe and execute all such Orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from the Governor (Commander in Chief) according to the rules and discipline of War, and all inferior Officers of said Division or Special force to organized by you for the said Indian Service will obey you, as the aid de Camp of the Commander in Chief.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this the Seventeenth day of March A.D 1860 and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Proclamation by the Governor

Whereas, It has within the last two days, for the first time come to the knowledge of the Executive, that it is in Contemplation by Citizens of this State to invade Mexico in armed bands in Violation of Law, and are now assembling at Gonzales for the purpose of Organizing, And Whereas a Treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Mexico has been Submitted to the United States Senate by the President, for ratification and is now under Consideration, by which American interest will be protected and American influence extended, all of which will be jeopardized, if not defeated by any unlawful action on the part of Citizens of the United States and the negotiations between the two Countries greatly Complicated and embarrassed, and the progress of a Correct policy Toward Mexico impeded, without any good resulting to any one; And Whereas, the Services of Five Thousand Texas Volunteers was Tendered by me to the Secretary of War on the Eighth day of the present month, in Order to enable the Government "to extend to Texas the immediate protection desired" And also Making a Call for arms, to which no answer has been received, but is daily expected, whose if the Tender is accepted, those engaged in unauthorized expeditions would not be received into the Service of the United States and their movements at this time are calculated to excite erroneous impressions as to the design of Texas, and thus defeat the Call.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby declare, That the said expedition and Contemplated invasion of Mexico is not authorized by the Executive, but is discountenanced and proclaimed illegal.

The Federal Government having assumed the Executive That Troops will be placed upon the Rio Grande to prevent the invasion of Texas, and the same being on the march, and the Executive having Tendered the Federal Government the service of Five Thousand Texas Volunteers, in good faith, for the purpose of defence, he feels bound to warn his fellow Citizens against the Consequences of rash action, which can but prevent the Consummation of the end desired. Unauthorized expeditions can eventuate in nothing favorable to humanity but in great evil to those engaged in them; and will but tend to Strengthen those opposed to American influence in Mexico.

Neither freedom can be extended or glory achieved. The most Calamitous disaster

that have befallen Texas, have grown out of expeditions not sanctioned by Law, and in disobedience to Order.

Our bleeding and Suffering fellow Citizens on the frontier, call for aid. The Services of all Those in a Situation to respond to the call of humanity, are needed to arrest the Theft, Murders and rapine of which Tidings are borne by Expresses almost daily to the Executive.

If There are any who maintain any indefensible invasion of Mexico, he points them to their own race, their own Kindred and fellow Citizens, the helpless Women and Children of the frontier.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Austin, this the 21st day of March AD 1860, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the 25th and of the United States the 84th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Executive Department

Whereas, at the Spring Term of the district court of the County of Lavaca and State aforesaid, for the year 1860. one Henry Boatright was Convicted of an "Assault with intent to Murder" upon the body of one David Blundell, and was Sentenced Therefor to two years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary; And Whereas, it has been represented and Made known to me, That at the time Said Boatright Committed the act for which he has been Convicted and Sentenced, Was under the influence of liquor— That the difficulty was not founded in any ill feeling or Malice towards the Said Blundell; they having hitherto been good friends: And Whereas, Many good Citizens of Lavaca and Other Counties, have petitioned the Executive to pardon the Said Boatright.

Now Therefore I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws Thereof, hereby grant to the Said Henry Boatright, a free and full pardon for the Offence for which he was Convicted, and hereby direct any and all Officers, Charged with the Custody of Said Boatright, To release and discharge him from any further Custody or Confinement on account of Said Sentence.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, This the 31st. day of March A.D. 1860. and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth. and of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Proclamation

By The Governor of The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that a Circular has been issued by Clement R Johns, Comptroller of the Treasury, of the State of Texas, instructing the various Assessors and Collectors of the State as to the mode of Assessment and Collection of Taxes, under the Law approved February 11.th 1860: And, Whereas, Said instructions Contain requirements not Contemplated by Law, but Oppressive to the Citizen and Subversive of his rights, and Calculated to prevent the payment of Taxes on Lands and involve the State in endless Litigation; And Whereas, the said Law declares.

Section 8.— "That each person, being a resident Citizen of this State, owning or claiming Surveyed Lands Situated in any other County than that in which he resides, may render the same for assessment to the Assessor and Collector of the County where he resides, in the same manner as other property, together with a full and Complete description thereof, and the name of the original grantee, and its number on the Abstract; And all Rail Road and Canal Company, and Colonizing Companies, and all persons residing beyond the limits of the State owning or Claiming Surveyed Lands Situated in this State, may in like manner render the same for assessment to the Assessor and Collector of any County in the State. Provided, That the parties thus rendering the property, Whether a resident or non resident, shall value such land at the "average Value" of the lands in the County where the same is Situated, for the next year preceding such assessment, and the Comptroller shall ascertain the "average Value" of lands in each and every County of this State for the year 1859, and furnish the same to each Assessor of the State, before the first day of March in the year 1860, and for every succeeding year he shall furnish the assessor with such "average Value" for that year, on or before the first day of January, then next ensuing; And in all Cases where in Consequence of any Vague or imperfect rendition as to the name of the original grantee, or other description of the Surveyed Land so rendered, the same Cannot be identified, and is declared forfeited to the State as provided by Law; the person making such imperfect description, shall be required to redeem the same as though it had not been rendered,

for assessment; and further provided, that any person desiring to give in his Lands for taxation, situated in Counties other than that of his residence, may make out a list or lists thereof, under Oath, Containing an accurate description of the same, and the name of the Original grantee, and transmit it to the Assessor and Collector of the County where the Lands lie, and upon the receipt of all such lists, it shall be the duty of the Assessor and Collector to assess the Value of such Land at its actual Value, which may be paid to the Comptroller, or Assessor of the County where the Owner resides: Provided, That nothing herein Contained Shall be so Construed as to prevent non resident persons who Own Lands Situated in other Counties than those in which they reside, from giving them in for assessment in the County in which they are Situated, as other Citizens of such County."

And, Whereas the Said Comptroller, has furnished the various Assessors and Collectors of the State, with what purports to be the "average Value of the Lands in each County in the State, for the year 1859," but which is not the "average Value" of said Lands, as shown from the reports of the Comptroller for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1859, and the prices thus fixed, as the rates upon which taxes must be paid upon said Lands, being far beyond either the "average Value" as assessed for taxes, or their real Value in the Market. And Whereas, the Said Comptroller arbitrarily directs the Assessors and Collectors of the State to disregard a portion of the law as follows.

"The latter part of this Section provides that Parties may forward their inventories to the Assessors of the Counties where the land is located, and the actual Value be established by them, and permits the payment of the Taxes due thereon; To be made, either to the Comptroller, or to the Assessor of the County where he resides, but as it does not provide the means for its accomplishment, This will be regarded as impracticable, and all inventories thus received for such a purpose will be returned by the Assessors, to the parties forwarding them.

And whereas the said Comptroller, having been requested to Correct said instructions to Assessors, and to issue others in accordance with the above recited law, refuses to do so, but persists in the same in the Opinion of the Executive, to the great injury of the revenue and annoyance of the Land Owners of the State.

Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the

powers vested in me by the Constitution which declares That "The Governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed;" do hereby declare That the Comptroller has failed to ascertain the "average Value" of the lands in each and every County of this State for the year 1859, and furnished the same to each Assessor of the State before the first day of March, in the year 1860, and That the list of "average Values" contained in his instructions to assessors is not in accordance with law; And it is further declared That that portion of his instructions, which abrogates That clause of the law allowing the Value of lands to be assessed in the Counties where they lie is void and of no effect.

And the said Comptroller having failed to furnish "each Assessor of the State" with the average Value of the lands in each and every County of this State," the execution of the law falls upon the Assessors in the various Counties, who will, to the best of their ability, execute the same in all respects.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at Austin, the Thirty first day of March A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fifth, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been represented and made Known To me That at the Spring Term A.D 1859, of the District Court for the County of Fayette and State aforesaid — One Robert Zapp was Convicted on Three Several indictments, and fined in the Sum of Fifty dollars, each, besides Costs for selling Liquors in Quantities of a Quarte or more, and permitting the Same To be drank in the Establishment, where it was sold — That the defendant prayed for, and obtained an Appeal to the Supreme Court; the defendant Attorney failing To appear when said appeal cases were Called for Trial, the hearing did, and the other unable to attend, the said judgments of the Court below were affirmed: And Whereas, it has been represented That, if the Liquor was drank in the Establishment where sold, it was done without the Consent or Knowledge of said Zapp.

Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws Thereof, hereby remit the three Several fines of Fifty Dollars, each, leaving the said Robert Zapp Still bound for all Costs accruing by virtue of the prosecutions of the Several Causes

In Testimony Whereof I have unto Sign my name and affix the Seal of the State of Texas, at the City of Austin, This the Second day of April A.D 1860. and in the Year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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Proclamation

By The Governor of Texas,

Whereas, by an Act of The Eighth Legislature of The State of Texas, Approved on The 24th day of January 1860, entitled "an Act to Create The Twentieth Judicial District of The State of Texas" Said District to be composed of The Counties of Collin, Denton, Tarrant, Jack, Young, Throckmorton, Archer, Clay, Montague, Cook and Grayson; And it is made The duty of The Governor to Order an Election to be held in said District, on The first Monday in May next, for The election of a District Judge and District Attorney, for said Twentieth Judicial District. Now Therefore, be it Known, That I Sam Houston, Governor of The State of Texas, do, in Obidience to The requirements of The above recited Act, hereby Order and direct That The Chief Justice (or in case of Vacancy in The Office of Chief Justice, or inability of That Officer to Act, Then any Two of The County Commissioners,) of The Several Counties Composing said Twentieth Judicial District, will give due notice and Cause Polls to be Opened at The several precincts in Their respective Counties on The said first Monday (The 7th day) of May 1860, for The election of a Judge and District Attorney for said Judicial District; And The Chief Justices of The several Counties, or County Commissioners, as The case may be, will make duplicate returns of said Election, one of which will be deposited in The Office of The Clerk of The County Court of Their respective Counties, and The other transmitted by them to The Seat of Government, directed to The Secretary of State, and endorsed. Election Returns of ——— County, for District Judge and District Attorney of The Twentieth Judicial District.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my Name and Caused The Great Seal of The State to be affixed, at The City of Austin, This The 26th day of April, A.D. 1860, and of The Independence of Texas, The Twenty fifth Year.

By The Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, That a certain negro boy, named Abe, the property of E. E. Stanley, has been charged and found guilty of "Burglary" in the Justices Courts of the County of Harris, and State aforesaid, and sentenced to receive Seven hundred and fifty lashes on his bare back at stated periods until he shall have received the whole number; And Whereas, It has been made known that said boy Abe, has already received the greater portion of said Whipping, which, in the Opinion of the Executive will meet the ends of justice, and humanity demands that the residue of said Sentence be abrogated. Now Therefore.

I, Sam Houston,
Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby pardon the said boy Abe, from any and all further Whipping and Confinement on account of said Sentence, and hereby direct all Officers having the Care and Custody of said boy Abe, to release and discharge him from further Confinement therefor.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin This the 3d day of April 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

Whereas, at the fall Term A.D 1859. of the District Court of the County of Walker and State of Texas, Judgment final was had against William R Smith and G.A. Wyser for the sum of One hundred dollars, on a forfeiture bond for the non appearance of said Smith into Court to answer the Charge of an Assault & Battery upon one James Parsons on the 8th day of May 1858; And Whereas it has been made known to me, by petition of Sundry citizens of said County of Walker, praying the remission of said fine of One hundred dollars, and representing that the appearance of said Smith into Court was prevented by the sickness of his Wife and it having also been made known that the said Smith has departed this life, leaving a Wife and Children in very indigent Circumstances. Now Therefore,

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the Power Vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby remit the said fine of One hundred dollars rendered against the said William R Smith and G.A. Wyser, leaving the said parties bound only for the Costs incurred by Virtue of said prosecution and Conviction.

In Testimony Whereof I have unto Sign my name and Cause the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 6th day of April A.D 1860. and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 84th, and of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to me, That at the Spring Term A.D 1858 of the District Court for the County of Bexar and State aforesaid, one Mrs Sarah Williams was Convicted of the Crimes of Arson, in having set fire to the house of one Wm Smith, and was Sentenced Therefor "to be Confined at hard labor in the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, for the Term of five Years" And Whereas, Supposing the facts as Stated in this case, to be True, and That Mrs Smith had Attempted to Seduce this girl from the Control of her Mother for the purpose of having her prostituted, and refusing to give her up when demanded. The Convict ought to be pardoned. Had She Slain Mrs Smith and burned the house over her Course, in View of the aggravation, I Should Find it no higher Crime than excusable homicide.

Now, Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the Constitution and laws Thereof, do hereby grant to the said Mrs Sarah Williams a full pardon; and hereby direct the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary to release and discharge her Mrs Williams from all further Confinement on account of said Sentence.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto Sign my Name and Cause the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 13th day of April A.D 1860. and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor.

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, that at the Spring Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court in and for the County of Hill and State aforesaid, One John Newby, was Convicted, for Killing, in the year 1853, a Negro man named Jo, the property of the heirs of Jonathan Newby deceased, and Sentenced thereon to three years Confinement at hard labor in the Penitentiary, And Whereas, It has also been made known to me that the negro man Jo, Killed by said John Newby, had but a short time previous Killed, in his sick bed, his Master, the father of the said John Newby; And Whereas a petition Signed by a large number of respectable citizens of said County of Hill; together with the District Judge, who presided at the trial, the District Attorney who prosecuted the cause, and the twelve jurors who rendered the Verdict, asking the Executive to pardon the said John Newby - And for other sufficient reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant to the said John Newby a free and full Pardon for the Killing of the said negro man Jo. Now Therefore, be it known That, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the Constitution and laws Thereof, do hereby grant to the said John Newby, a full and free Pardon; and hereby direct any and all Officers having the Custody of said Newby, to release and discharge him the said Newby, from further Confinement on account of said Conviction and Sentence.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, This the 27th day of April A.D. 1860, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term of the District held held in and for the County of Caldwell, in the State of Texas, L B. Page, was tried upon the charge of an "Aggravated Assault and Battery" upon the body of one R.G. Head, and a Verdict and judgment rendered against the Said Page, for the Sum of One hundred dollars and Costs of Court; And it having been made known to me, that the said Page had paid a fine and Costs, incurred against him for the same Offence, before the Mayor of the town of Lockhart, in said County of Caldwell, previous to the rendition of the judgment in the District Court. And being further shown by the petition of many respectable Citizens of said County, that the said defendant Page is poor, and that should he be forced to pay the said judgment of the District Court, the punishment would be excessive, and entail distress upon his family. Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby declare the said judgment of the District Court for One hundred dollars fully remitted and forever Cancelled, leaving the said judgment in force against the said Page, for Costs only, And the Clerk of said District Court of said County of Caldwell is hereby required to make record accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto Sign my name and cause the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this 1st Day of May A.D. 1860.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

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The State of Texas

To All, Whereas, At the Spring Term A.D. 1859, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Jackson in the State of Texas, G.W. Powell was Convicted of Stealing a gold Watch the property of one P. Dupuy, and Sentenced to Confinement in the State Penitentiary, for the term of two Years, and is now there Confined; and it being shown to me by the Petition of Many respectable Citizens of said County, and facts presented, that ample reason exists for the exercise of Executive Clemency in behalf of the said G.W. Powell, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said G.W. Powell, a full free pardon, and the Superintendent or Keeper of the Penitentiary will release him from Custody, and hold this as his Warrant for the same.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this the 27th day of May A.D. 1860. and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D 1859, of the District Court held in and for the County of Fayette and State of Texas, a judgment final was rendered against James B. Reynolds, for the Sum of Eight Hundred dollars and Costs of Court, as Surety upon bond for the appearance of one George Brashear, to answer an Indictment exhibited against him, for the Crime of Forgery the said Brashear having failed to appear, and said bond declared forfeited; And it being made known to me, by the petition of a number of the Citizens of said County, and otherwise, that the said Reynolds, was not at fault for the non appearance of the said accused, that he is poor, has a large family to Support, and has paid the one half of said judgment, a Sum Sufficient to answer the ends of justice, and that good reason exists for the exercise of Executive Clemency, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby fully remit the balance of the principal of said judgment, and declare the Same forever Cancelled, leaving the said judgment in force Against the said Reynolds, for the Costs only, and the Clerk of said Court will make record accordingly and hold this as his authority therefor:

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 7th day of May A.D 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth, and of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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The State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. 1860. of the District Court of the County of Bexar in said State of Texas, John E. Turnbull, was tried and convicted of the Offence of "Threatening to Kill" one William B. Johnson, and a fine of Five hundred Dollars rendered against him; And Whereas it is now made known to me by the Petition of Many persons, respectable Citizens of said County and State, that the said Turnbull has always heretofore Conducted himself as an upright and worthy Citizen, that he is poor and has a Wife and Children who are dependent entirely upon his labor for support, that he is now Confined in the jail of said County, and has been, for one month, being unable to pay the said fine and Costs; And as the State Can loose nothing by his release from Confinement, and a full remission of the fine so rendered against him, and all facts presented, being duly Considered, ample reason appears to exist for the exercise of Executive Clemency; Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the Power Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said Turnbull my full free pardon, and also, fully remit the said fine of five hundred dollars, and declare the same forever Cancelled and Set aside, leaving the judgment in force against him for Costs only; And the Sheriff or Other Officer having Charge of the jail of said County will, immediately upon the receipt of this, release the said John E. Turnbull from Confinement and hold this as his authority for so doing.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto Sign my Name, and Cause the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 15th day of May A.D. 1860. and in the Year of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty fourth, and of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term A.D. 1859, of the District Court of Milam County in the State of Texas, judgment final for the sum of Five hundred Dollars, was entered against Mary Clementine Holbert as principal, and David Curry as her Security upon a bond executed by the said parties, for the appearance of the said Mary Clementine Holbert before the said District Court to answer an Indictment charging her with the crime of Shooting with intent to Kill, And Whereas, at the same term of said Court, another judgment final for the sum of Five hundred dollars was rendered against the said Mary Clementine Holbert as principal, and the said David Curry as Surety upon bond required of, and executed by her, for her appearance at said Court, to answer an Indictment charging her with the offence of unlawfully branding a Colt, both of which said bonds were declared forfeited, and judgment final by default rendered, She the said defendant Mary Clementine Holbert, failing to appear and remain from day to day as required— And Whereas, it has been made known to me by many of the Citizens of said County, who pray for the remission of each of said judgments, that the said Mary Clementine Holbert did attend the first Term of said Court, and further that had Trials taken place, much doubt exists whether or not the defendant could have been convicted upon either Charge of said Indictments, and believing, from all facts presented, that the interest of the State would not be thwarted by remitting the said judgments. Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby fully remit the said Several judgments against the said Mary Clementine Holbert and her said Surety the said David Curry, and declare the same forever Cancelled— leaving the said judgments in force against them for the Costs only, incurred in said causes.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto sign my name, and Cause the Great Seal to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 11th day of May A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth, and of Texas the twenty fifth

By the Governor

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The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term AD 1856, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Hays, in the State of Texas, judgment final was rendered against John W Britt as principal, and John Hamilton, Henry Britt and P D Hill, Administrator of Joseph Duty dec'd as Securities, for the sum of Five thousand dollars and all Costs; which said judgment was rendered upon a bond executed by the said parties, Conditioned for the personal appearance of the said John W Britt, before the said Court, to answer the Charge of Murder, and having failed to appear, said bond was declared forfeited and judgment given as aforesaid; And Whereas, the said defendants Appealed from said judgment, to the Supreme Court at Austin, and during the pendency of said Appeal, Henry Britt, one of the said Securities having died, his heirs L. C. Britt, D B. Britt and others were made parties, and at the October Term of said Supreme Court 1859, the said judgment was in all things affirmed against the said John W Britt, the said P D Hill Admr of Joseph Duty, John Hamilton and the heirs of the said Henry Britt deceased; And Whereas, It has been made known to me, by the petition of a number of the Citizens of said County, and by a Statement of the Sheriff, that Three thousand Six hundred and Sixty Nine dollars of said judgment has been paid by the Sale (under Execution) of the property of John Britt, and that the payment of the balance of the said judgment, would be to the serious injury of the families of the said defendants, and that ample reason exists for the exercise of Executive Clemency in behalf of the said parties; Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, exercising the Power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby remit unto the said defendants in the said judgment, the entire remainder thereof, leaving the same in force for the Costs only, and the Clerk of the District Court of said County will record accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my Name, and Caused the Great Seal to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 11th day of May AD 1860, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States, the 84th, and of Texas, the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff of Falls County — Greeting

Whereas: Information has been received at this Department, that William J. Hinton, was tried in the District Court of Falls County, at the Spring Term thereof A.D. 1859, for the Murder of J. C. Whitaker, and found guilty, and is now under Sentence of death, to be executed on the fourth Friday of the present month May 1860. And Whereas, it has been represented to me by the petition of many of the Citizens of said County — that facts do exist, which would justify a Commutation of the punishment of the said Convict, from death, to Confinement in the Penitentiary for life.

Now Therefore, In order that such facts, if any there be, to justify the Commutation prayed for, may be properly presented to the Executive, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby order and decree, that the said judgment of Sentence of death, pronounced against the said William J. Hinton, be, and remain Suspended, for the term of One Month from and after the day set for his execution, to wit, the fourth friday of May 1860, until the fourth friday of June next. And the Sheriff of said County will observe and Obey this my order and decree, and hold the same as authority therefor.

In Testimony Whereof, I have unto Signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 11th day of May A.D. 1860. and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth, and of Texas, the Seventy fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

Whereas, At the Spring Term. A.D. 1859. of the District Court of the County of Galveston in the State of Texas, H.A. Hornig, was Tried and Convicted of the Crime of Stealing and Sentenced to two Years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary; And Whereas, it has been made known to me, that the said Hornig, at the time, and now, previous to the Commission of the Offence for which he is now in Confinement, in accordance with the Sentence, in such a feeble State of mind, as to render it doubtful whether or not he should be made accountable for his acts, — that he is an old man and has been Confined in the Penitentiary at hard labor, for many months, And from all the facts presented, ample reasons seems to exist for the exercise of Executive Clemency. Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said H.A. Hornig a full, free pardon; And the Superintendent or Keeper of the State Penitentiary, immediately on the receipt hereof, will release the said H.A. Hornig from any further Confinement and labor, to go home this sixteenth day — and hold this as authority therefor.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Sign my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the Executive Office in the City City of Austin, this the 16th day of May A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty fourth, and of Texas, the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Proclamation by the Governor

$1250. Reward

The State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that on the 17th day of April A.D. 1860, in the County of Travis and State of Texas, Jesse Graham, William Capurton, and Joseph Estille Capurton, assisted by M. T. Capurton, Rhenben Capurton, and Cullin W. Edwards, Committed the Crime of Murder upon the body of John Tawy, and that the said Jesse Graham, William Capurton, Joseph Estill Capurton and Cullin W. Edwards are still at large. Now therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby Offer the following rewards for the arrest and delivery of the said Offenders to the proper authorities of the said County of Travis, that they may be dealt with according to law, Viz, for Jesse Graham $500, for William Capurton $250, for Joseph Estill Capurton $250, and for Collin Edwards $250.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 17th day of May A.D. 1860

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Description of the parties

William Capurton, lived, when at home, at M. T. Capurton's, on Onion Creek in Travis County, is about twenty three years of age, 5 ft. nine or ten inches high, dark hazel eyes, and has a hair lip, dark hair, and weighs about 150 pounds, resides when at home, near M. T. Capurton on Onion Creek in Travis County.

Joseph Estill Carpenter, – called generally "Ed" Carpenter, is about twenty one or two years of age, 5 ft eleven inches high, sandy hair and inclined to be kinked and bushy, light gray eyes, and weighs about 140, or 150. pounds, resides when at home, with W.T. Carpenter on Onion Creek, Travis County –

Jesse Grisham, is about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches in height, weighs about 160 pounds, – rather thick set, has, (it is believed) blue eyes, and is of florid Complection, Sandy hair, red or sandy beard, he at one time drove a Waggon between Austin and the bay, (Port Lavaca) formerly lived in Travis County.

Collin Edwards, is about 19 or 20 years of age, five feet 8 inches high, has blue eyes, light pale Complexion, light brown hair, and weighs about 135 or 140. pounds – rather Spare built and Slim, and looks rather delicate.

The State of Texas

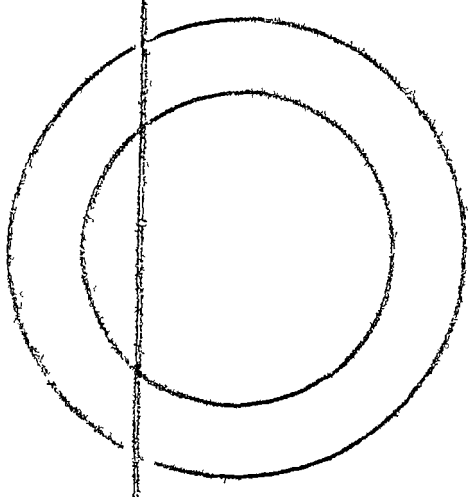
Executive Department

May 21. 1860.

To all and Singular, the Sheriffs, Constables and Others and Officers of said State.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, by Joseph E. Brown, Governor of the State of Georgia, that one John Lawson, alias S. A. Brown, alias J. Green, stands charged, before Joseph Felt, an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Chatham, in said State of Georgia, that he did, on the twenty ninth day of February, in the year one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, in the County of Chatham and State of Georgia, fraudulently and falsely utter, publish and pass certain drafts or Checks, knowing them to be forged and Counterfeited, and was then and there by that act, guilty of a felony under the laws of Georgia; And that the said John Lawson, alias S. A. Brown, alias J. Green, has fled from justice in said State, and taken refuge in the State of Texas. And Whereas, the said Governor of the State of Georgia, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, has demanded of me, that I cause the said John Lawson, alias S. A. Brown, alias J. Green to to be arrested and delivered to Wallace Cumming and William Duncan, or either of them, the duly authorized Agents appointed by said Governor of the State of Georgia to receive said John Lawson, alias S. A. Brown, alias J. Green into Custody and convey him back to the said State of Georgia. And Whereas, the representation and demand is duly Certified as authentic, by the said Governor of the State of Georgia, the said affidavit being thereto appended, and a copy of the same is hereto attached marked (A.) Now therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and of the United States, issue this my Warrant, Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables, and other Civil Officers of this State, to arrest and to aid and assist in arresting the said John Lawson, alias S. A. Brown, alias J. Green and to deliver him when arrested to the said Wallace Cumming and William Duncan or either of them, Agents of said State of Georgia, in order that he may be taken back to said State

of Georgia, in order that he may be taken back to said State of Georgia, to be dealt with for said Crime; — That he did, on the Twenty ninth day of February, in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, in the County of Chatham and State of Georgia fraudulently, and falsely utter, publish and pass Certain draft or Check, knowing the Same to be false and Counterfeit, and with Him and then by Him and there, guilty of a forgery under the laws of Georgia.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the Seventeenth day of May A.D. 1866, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety fourth, and of Texas, the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor.

Secretary of State.

Executive Department
Austin May 23d 1864.

To The Executive Authority of the State of Kentucky.

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that one Thomas Board, alias T. H. Board, alias G. H. Boardman, alias G. W. Brown, stands charged with the "Bigamy; and also with the Offence of procuring money by false pretences and fraudulent representations," Committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received that the said Thomas Board, alias T. H. Board, alias G. W. Boardman, alias G. W. Brown, has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Kentucky. Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said Thomas Board, alias T. H. Board, alias G. W. Boardman, alias G. W. Brown, as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to J. L. Hedgpeth & David Webb, Who are hereby appointed the Agents on the part of the State to receive him.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 23d day of May A.D. one Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the 84th and of Texas the 28th.

Sam Houston

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Proclamation by the Governor

$1,000. Reward

Whereas, information has reached me that a diabolical Murder was Committed by some persons unknown, on the night of Wednesday, the 23d inst, about Nine miles West of the City of Austin, upon the persons of three men, Citizens of Anderson County, in the State of Texas, named William H. Jones, Mark A. Deloach, and Charles Hervey. Said Murder having been Committed on their way while asleep at their Camping place near the road.

Now, Therefore.

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the law, do hereby Offer a reward of One Thousand Dollars for the apprehension and delivery to the Sheriff of Travis County, So that they may be dealt with according to law, of the person or persons engaged in said Murder.

No Clue has yet been obtained by which the said Murderers may be identified, other than the following; Said Murder is supposed to have been Committed for purposes of robbery, and Appearances show that several persons were engaged in the same. The wounds were inflicted with large bowie Knives; All their throats were Cut; Hervey's breast was Stabbed in three places, and his Skull Cut with a Knife, and Jones and Deloach's heads were Mashed with Stones. They were known to have had a Considerable Sum of Money, a large heavy double barrelled gun, a gold watch, Single Case, very large, with Closely linked fob Chain, looks Solid at a distance and one of them had on a plain gold ring with a flat place upon it, all of which are Missing.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at the Executive office, in the City of Austin, this the 29th day of May, A.D. 1860, and the year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas. V

To the Sheriff of Falls County — Greeting.

Whereas, At the Spring Term of the District Court of Falls County A.D. 1860. William J. Winters was tried and Convicted for the Murder of T. C. Whitaker and Sentenced to death, which Sentence was to have been executed on the fourth friday in May 1860. And Whereas said Sentence was suspended for one month by my order of May 11th, for reasons therein Set forth, and Whereas the facts in the Case having been presented, and found insufficient to Warrant the interposition of Executive Clemency. Now therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby order and decree that the judgment and Sentence of death, pronounced against said William J. Winters be executed upon the expiration of the term of respite, and the said Sheriff will observe and obey this my Order and decree, and hold the same as authority therefor.

Executive Department
Austin May 30th 1860.

(Signed)

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Proclamation
By the Governor
$500 Reward
The State of Texas

Whereas, Information has reached me, that Robert H. Martin late Clerk of the District Court of San Augustine County and State of Texas, Stands Charged by indictment in said County, with the Crime of Forgery, for which he the said Martin was arrested and Committed to jail to await his Trial in the District Court of said County; that Subsequently the said Offender broke jail and made his escape, and is now at large. Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby Offer a Reward of Five Hundred Dollars, for the arrest and delivery, to the proper authorities of said County of San Augustine, the said Robert. H. Martin, that he may be dealt with for his said Offence, according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin this the 1st day of June AD 1860

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Ordered to be published in the Red Land Express - four times

In the Name and by the authority

of The State of Texas

To all to whom these Presents shall Come —

Greeting. —

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas reposing Special trust in the Honor, Fidelity and Capacity of Andrew J. Smith, do hereby grant this my Commission to him, the said Andrew J. Smith, for the Office of Sub-Engineer and Superintendent of the improvement on the Angelina and Neches rivers. Giving and Conferring upon him the said Smith, full power and authority, as such, to exercise and discharge all and Singular the duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts, under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office, incident or appertaining. To have and to hold the same, with all and every the Immunities and Honors, Perquisites and Emoluments thereto belonging, for and until the full end and term of this Appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name and caused the Great Seal to be affixed at the City of Austin this 3d day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty. And in the Year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth, and of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Election

Proclamation. By the Governor.

Be it known, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me do hereby order and direct That an election be held in the Several Counties of this State on the First Monday, & th day of August next, For the election of the following named State and District Officers, and for such County Officers in the different Counties, as are then required by law, to be elected, towit,

For an Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer for said State.

In the Counties Composing the 7th Judicial District, for a District Judge for said District, to enter upon the duties of said Office, on the first day of October next, in the place of Judge P. N. Gray, resigned.

In the Counties Composing the 13th Judicial District, for a District Judge, for said District, to enter upon the duties of said Office on the 15th day of November next, in place of Judge Gregg, resigned.

In the Counties Composing the 14th Judicial district, for a District Judge for said District, in the place of Judge M. D. Norton, deceased.

In the Counties Composing the 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Judicial Districts, respectively for a District Attorney, for each of said districts.

The Chiefjustices of the several Counties (or in case of Vacancy in the Office of Chiefjustice, or inability or refusal of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will therefore give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties, on the said First Monday (the 6th day) of August 1860, for the election of the aforesaid State and District Officers, and for such County Officers in their respective Counties as are then required by law to be elected. They will make Seperate duplicate returns of said election, towit: One for the State and District Officers, and another for the County Officers, Carefully Sealed up; one of which they will transmit to the Seat of Government, directed to "The Secretary of State," and endorsed "Election Returns of _____ County for _____" (as the case may be); the other they will deposit in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 15th day of June, A.D. 1860, and of the Year of the Independence of Texas the twenty fourth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to me that on the 21st day of May 1860, in the County of Houston, in said State of Texas, James K. Landrum and John M. Matthews committed murder upon the bodies of Miles Robinson and Isham Talbot, and Whereas, it has also been represented that the said Landrum and Matthews have fled from justice and are now at Large.

Now therefore, Be it known that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power in me vested by Law, do hereby offer a reward of Five Hundred Dollars, for the arrest and delivery of the aforesaid James K. Landrum and John M. Matthews, or Two Hundred and fifty dollars for either of them, to the Sheriff of Houston County.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 25th day of June A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the 85th,

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Ordered to be published in the Crockett Printer — four Weeks.

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The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term, A.D. 1860, of the District Court held in and for the County of Burleson and State of Texas, a certain Negro Slave George, the property of C. F. Mosely, was tried and found guilty of an assault upon Samuel Johnson, a free White man and Sentenced to be hung on the 29th day of June 1860, the execution of which sentence was suspended by me on the 20th of said Month (June 1860) and a respite granted until the 13th of July next; And Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, by the petition of sundry Citizens of said County, that the blow struck by said Slave, was done under peculiar and aggravated Circumstances, and left no permanent injury; and from all the facts appearing Manifest— Sufficient reasons Seems to exist to justify the exercise of Executive Clemency; Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the Power Vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby grant unto the said Slave George a full free pardon and the Sheriff of said County, and all Concerned herein, will observe and obey this my order and decree and release the said Slave George from further Custody and Confinement, and hold this as authority therefor

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin: This the 26th day of June A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Seventy fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

Whereas, It has been made known to me that George C. Norton was Convicted at the Fall Term 1859, of the district Court of Harris County and State aforesaid, of an assault with intent to Murder one H. Brashear (1) and was Sentenced therefor to six months imprisonment in the County jail and pay a fine of One Hundred Dollars and all Costs; that Said Norton took an appeal from said judgment to the Supreme Court, and that Said judgment has been affirmed by said Supreme Court; And Whereas, the said George C. Norton — having already been Confined a good portion of said Term of imprisonment; Now therefore, Be it known that I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power in me Vested by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby grant to the said George C. Norton a pardon for the unexpired Term of his said imprisonment, also remit the fine of one hundred dollars, leaving the said Norton still bound for all Costs and Charges incurred by Virtue of said prosecution and Conviction; and hereby direct the Officer or Officers of Harris County, having the Custody of said Norton to release and discharge him from all further Confinement on account of said Conviction and Sentence and the Clerk of the district Court of said County of Harris will make such entries in his records as will give due effect to the remission of the said fine of one hundred dollars.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 27th day of June A.D. 1860 and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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Proclamation
By the Governor
of
The State of Texas.

Whereas, information has reached me that on the night of the 5th of May 1866, an atrocious Murder was committed at Alvarado in Johnson County, by Andrew J. Johnson and W. M. Tyer, upon the body of A. M. Wilbanks, and that the said Murderers are yet at large. Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Five hundred dollars for the arrest and delivery of the said Murderers, to the proper authorities of said County of Johnson, or Two hundred and fifty dollars for either of them, that they may be dealt with for said Crime according to Law

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the Executive Office, in the City of Austin, this the 27th day of June A.D. 1866, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty first

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Description

Johnson is about 5 feet 10 inches high; Square built, Weighs about 140 or 145 pounds, fair Complexion, light yellow hair, inclined to Wave, is rather Slow Spoken, has a plug of gold between his front teeth, is inclined to dissipate, is fond of a Cigar, Was tolerably well dressed, is about 23 or 24 years of age, rather thin Visaged, he plays the fiddle, and is a house Carpenter by trade.

Tyer is about 5 feet 4 inches high; Slender built, Weighs 124 pounds, fair Complexion, auburn hair, blue or gray eyes, tolerably large Mouth, narrow forehead, eyes look as if they had been sore, is inclined to freckle, is very quick Spoken, Speaks like a Woman; is inclined to dissipate; has a boyish appearance; Was tolerably well dressed. He is about 21 years old.

Ordered to be published in the Fort Worth Chief 4 weeks. —

Executive Department

Austin June 28th 1860.

To the Executive Authority of the State of Tennessee

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that Joseph Taylor alias F. L Taylor stands charged with Obtaining property under false pretences, Committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Joseph Taylor alias F. L Taylor has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Tennessee. Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said Joseph Taylor, alias F L Taylor, as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to John R Henry, who is hereby appointed the agent on the part of the State to receive said Taylor.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin this the 28th day of June A.d one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the 84th, and of Texas, the 25th Year.

By The Governor

Secretary.

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Executive Department

Austin June 28th 1860.

To the Executive Authority of the State of Virginia

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that one Thomas Board, alias T. H. Board, alias G. W. Brown, alias G. W. Boardman, Stands charged with the crime of Bigamy, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Thomas Board, alias T. H. Board, alias G. W. Brown, alias G. W. Boardman has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Virginia, Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said Thomas Board alias, T. H. Board alias G. W. Brown, alias G. W. Boardman as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to D. P. Washburn, who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive him

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin this the 28th day of June A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the 84th and of Texas, the Twenty fifth Year.

By the Governor

Sec'ty of State.

Proclamation
By the Governor
Sam Houston
The State of Texas.

Whereas, It has been made known to me that on the 15th day of June AD 1860, in the town of Belton, Bell County, State of Texas, one William J Garnett, who was aided and assisted by one Jack Hardy, committed an atrocious Murder upon the body of Geo. C. Williams, and that the said Garnett and his accomplice the said Hardy, have fled and are now fugitives from justice.

Now therefore, Be it known, that I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of One thousand dollars for the arrest and delivery to the proper authorities of Bell County, of the said William J. Garnett and the said Jack Hardy, or Five hundred dollars for each or either of them, that they may be dealt with for their said Crime according to Law.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 30th day of June AD 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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In the Name and by the Authority
of The State of Texas

To All Whom These Presents may Come
Greeting,

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, Reposing Special Trust and full Confidence in the Honor and Patriotism, Fidelity and Capacity of Beriah Graham have Constituted and Appointed, and do, by these Presents, Constitute and Appoint Him the said Beriah Graham to the Office of Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, of the State of Texas in the place of G. T. Kennard resigned. Giving and Hereby granting to Him the said Beriah Graham full Power and Authority as Such, to exercise and discharge all and Singular, the Duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts under the Constitution and Laws, to this said Office incident or appertaining. To have and to hold the same with all and every the Emoluments and Honors, Perquisites and Emoluments thereto belonging for, and during the full end and term of his said Appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my Name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this Twenty Ninth day of December in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the 84th, and of Texas the 24th

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

In the Name and by the Authority of
The State of Texas.

To all Whom these Presents shall come Greeting

Know ye, That I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas. Reposing special trust and full confidence in the Honor and Patriotism, Fidelity and Capacity of R. C. Todd M.D. have Constituted and Appointed, and do, by these Presents, Constitute and Appoint him the said R. C. Todd M.D. to the Office of Surgeon of the 3d Company (Capt Conners) Company of Texas Rangers, Organized under the act Approved January 2nd, 1860. Giving and hereby granting to him the said R. C. Todd, M.D. full Power and Authority as such, to exercise and discharge all and Singular the Duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office incident or appertaining. To have and to hold the Same with all and every the Immunities and Honors, Perquisites, and Emoluments thereto belonging for and until the full end and term of his said Appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, This 18th day of January in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 84th, and of Texas the 24th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Similar Commission issued to A.H. Graham M.D. of 1st Company (Dalrymple,) Jan 21st 1860. and to J.G. Barbee of 2d Company (Burleson,) Feb 1st 1860

In the name and by the authority of

The State of Texas.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come: Greeting

Know Ye That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Honor, Fidelity and Capacity of Capt Thomas F. Chapman, do hereby grant this my Commission to him, the said Thomas F. Chapman, for the Office of Secretary to the Board of Commissioners on the part of Texas and with Commissioner and Surveyor to act in Conjunction with — — Such Officers as may be appointed by the United States Government, in running and marking the boundary line between the State of Texas and the Territories of the United States. Giving and Conferring upon him, the said Thomas F. Chapman, full Power and authority as such to execute and discharge all and Singular, the duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts under the act approved February 11th 1854, Creating said Office, or thereto belonging during the term of this Appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my Name and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the first day of May in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fourth, and of Texas the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

In the Name and by the Authority of

The State of Texas.

To All Whom these Presents Shall Come:
Greeting

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas. Reposing Special Trust and full Confidence in the Honor and Patriotism, Fidelity and Capacity of A. B. Norton, have Constituted and appointed, and by these presents, Constitute and appoint him the said A. B. Norton to the Office of Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the State of Texas, under the provisions of an Act approved Feb 14th 1860. Giving and hereby granting to him the said A. B. Norton full Power and Authority as such to exercise and discharge all and Singular the Duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts under the Constitution and Laws, to his Said Office incidents or appertaining; To have and to hold the Same with all and Singular the Immunities and Honors, Perquisites and Emoluments thereto belonging for and during the full end and term of his said appointment.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the Sixth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States of America the 84th and of Texas the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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In the Name and by the Authority of
The State of Texas.

To all to whom these Presents shall Come
Greeting

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, Reposing Special Trust in the Honor, Fidelity, and Capacity of B. Simmons, do hereby grant this my Commission to him the said B. Simmons for the Office of Surveyor to the Commission to the Boundary Line between the United States and Texas. Giving and Conferring upon him, the said B. Simmons, full power and authority as such, to exercise and discharge all and Singular the Duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts, under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office, incident or appertaining; To have and to hold the same, with all and Singular the immunities and Honors, Perquisites and emoluments, thereto belonging, for and until the full end and term of this Appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the Twenty Seventh day of April, in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty Fourth, and of Texas, the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor.

Actg Secretary of State.

In the Name and by the Authority of

The State of Texas.

To all to whom these presents shall Come-
Greeting

Know Ye That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, Reposing Special trust in the Patriotism, Fidelity and Capacity of W. H. Russell, do hereby grant this my Commission to him the said W. H. Russell, for the Office of Commissioner to run the Boundary Line between the United States and Texas — Giving and Conferring upon him the said W. H. Russell, full Power and Authority as fully to exercise and discharge all and Singular the Duties, Rights, Obligations and Trusts under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office, incident or appertaining; To have and to Hold the Same, with all and every the Immunities and Honors, Perquisites and Emoluments, thereto belonging, and until the full end and Term of this Appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Ninth, and of Texas, the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secty of State.

In the Name and by the authority of
the State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come
Greeting:

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston Governor
of the State of Texas, reposing special trust and
confidence in the Courage, Patriotism and
Integrity of James R. Arnold, and in his
Fidelity to the Constitution and Laws of the
State of Texas and his attachment to the
United States of America, do hereby appoint
him, the said James R. Arnold Aid de Camp
to the Commander in Chief of the Second
Division of the Texas Militia, comprising the
Counties of Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augus=
=tine, Sabine, Shelby and Panola. In accord
=ance with an act to provide for the organization
of the Militia of Texas, approved Feby 11. 1858,

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
signed my name, and caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
affixed at the City of Austin,
this Third day of July A.D. 1869,
and in the year of the Indep=
=endence the United States the 84,
and of Texas the twenty-fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas at a Spring Term A.D. 1859 of the District Court of the County of Bexar and State aforesaid, final judgment was rendered in favor of the State of Texas against C. Lecompte, M. Reignau and N. Leal for the sum of two Hundred and fifty dollars upon a recognizance given in said Court for the appearance of C. Lecompte to answer an indictment for Robbery; and whereas it has been made known to me by divers good Citizens of said County of Bexar, that at the time of the commission of the alleged Robbery, said Lecompte had been drinking a good deal, and was quite drunk; and it is also shown that the District Attorney dismissed this suit as to the defendant M. Reignau; and it is further shown by the affidavit of a respectable citizen of Bexar County, that to the best of his belief, said Lecompte died in the State of Indiana more than twelve months ago.-

Now therefore, Be it known that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit said forfeiture and judgment so had and taken, for the sum of two Hundred and fifty dollars against C. Lecompte and N. Leal as aforesaid, leaving them still bound for all costs arising out of said indictment and prosecution.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 5th day of July A.D. 1859, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty-fifth.

Seal

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Election Returns for District Judge and District Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Texas. - May 7th 1863.

Counties	District Judge			District Attorney				
	W. C. Corsicana	W. L. Waterville	Alexander Bryan	T. J. J. Freeman	L. A. Barnett	T. C. Ball	R. L. Burleson	T. C. Ball
Collin	161	485	69	143	41	57	479	2
Denton	254	158	47	92	316	32	16	1
Dallas	166	56	2	120	85	1	15	2
Jones	49	37	6	51	19	2	2	
Young	31	58		47	7	11	24	
Throckmorton								
Archer								
Clay								
Montague	89	8	3	91	2			6
Cooke	257	61	1	292	18	19	2	1
Grayson	184	550	9	144	56	291	191	40
	1201	1413	137	980	543	412	729	52

I do hereby certify, that on this the Seventh day of July 1863, The Comptroller, Secretary of State and Sam Houston, Governor, M. D. Graham, the Attorney General being unable to act, on account of his absence from the Seat of Government, proceeded to open and count the returns of votes made to the Secretary of State, according to law, as given at an election held in the several Counties composing the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Texas on the 7th day of May 1863, for a Judge and District Attorney for said Twentieth Judicial District, and that the above tabular exhibits a correct statement of the votes so returned.

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that from an examination of the returns to the Secretary of State, according to law, of the votes given for District Judge of the Twentieth Judicial District of said State, at an election held on the Seventh day of May 1869, in the several Counties composing said District - it appears that R. L. Waddell, received the highest number of votes given for said office; and I hereby declare that said R. L. Waddell has been duly elected to said office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the Seventh day of July A.D. 1869, and of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty-fifth.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Note. - A similar certificate issued to W. T. G Greaves as District Attorney.

In the Name and by the authority of the

State of Texas

To all whom these presents shall come -
Greeting

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, Reposing special trust and and full confidence in the honor and patriot=ism, fidelity and Capacity of John L. Haynes have conditionally and appointed, and do, by these presents, constitute and appoint him the said John L Haynes to the office of Quarter Master to the Troops called into service of the State by the Governor. Giving, and hereby granting to the said John L. Haynes full power and authority, as such, to exercise and discharge all and singular the duties, rights, obligations and trusts under the Constitution and Laws to his said office incident or appertain=ing: To have and To hold the same, with all and every the immunities and honors, perquisites and emoluments thereunto belonging for and during the full and term of his said appointment.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the Tenth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the 85th and of Texas, the 25th.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

92.

The State of Texas

To all and singular, the Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers — Greeting

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, by John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, that one John W. Jones, stands charged by affidavit made before A. Morgan, a Justice of Peace of the County of Kinds in said State of Mississippi, with the crime of assisting Convicts to escape from the State Penitentiary, committed in the State of Mississippi in the month of March 1860; and that the said John W. Jones has fled from justice in said State of Mississippi and taken refuge in the State of Texas, and whereas, the said Governor of the State of Mississippi, in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, has demanded of me, that I cause the said John W. Jones to be arrested and delivered to John J. Pitchside, the duly authorized agent of the State of Mississippi, to receive the said John W. Jones into custody, and convey him back to the State of Mississippi; and whereas, the said requisition and demand are accompanied by a copy of said affidavit, duly certified as authentic, by said Governor of Mississippi; Wherefore —

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and of the United States, issue this my Warrant, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers of this State, to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said John W. Jones, and deliver him when arrested to John J. Pitchside, the duly authorized agent of the State of Mississippi to receive him in order that he may be taken back to the said State of Mississippi, to be dealt with for the said crime of assisting convicts to escape from the State Penitentiary

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the Executive Office in the City of Austin, this the 17th day of July A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of the United States the 84th, and of Texas, the 25th.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. 1868, of the District Court held in and for the County of Refugio and State aforesaid, on the 24th day of May 1868, one Mrs. Lydia C. Stephenson was convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced thereupon to Five years confinement at hard labor in the State Penitentiary, at Huntsville; And whereas, it has been represented and made known to me that the said Mrs Stephenson is pregnant, - and I am not willing that any child shall inherit the disgrace of being born in the Penitentiary. Life has ills enough without inflicting them on innocently at its birth. - Now therefore,

Be it known, that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby grant to the said Mrs Lydia C. Stephenson a full pardon; and hereby direct the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary to release and discharge the said Mrs Stephenson from all further confinement on account of said conviction and sentence

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the 21st day of July A.D. 1868, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Ninety-fifth.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

G-11.

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Winter Term of the District Court of the County of Tarrant, and State of Texas for the year 1868, one Robert M. Parker was convicted of the "Theft of Horse" and sentenced thereupon to confinement in the State Penitentiary for the term of Five years: and Whereas, It was suggested upon circumstances, as well as the manner in which the Horse was taken and subsequent circumstances, that he was in a State of Intoxication when the offence was committed, and from acts which have come both the Knowledge of the Governor, he deems it a case deserving the exercise of his pardoning power.

Now therefore, Be it Known, that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby grant to the said Robert M. Parker, a full and free Pardon; and hereby direct the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, to release and discharge the said Parker from all further confinement on account of said conviction and sentence.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 21st day of July a.D. 1863, and of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty-fifth year.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Fall Term, 1858, of the District Court, in and for the County of Bastrop, and State aforesaid, one James Weaver was convicted of an aggravated assault, and his punishment assessed at six months imprisonment in the County Jail

Now therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby grant to the said James Weaver, a full and free Pardon an account of said conviction and sentence, and hereby direct the Sheriff of said County of Bastrop, or other officer having the custody and safe keeping of said Weaver, to release and discharge him from all further confinement thereon.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 21st day of July A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty-fifth year.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

91.

Executive Department
Austin, July 27th 1860

To the Executive Authority of
the State of New York

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that J. T. Cobb stands charged with the crime of Forgery, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said J. T. Cobb has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of New York.

Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said J. T. Cobb, as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to John T. Reed, who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive him.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 27th day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th year.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term A. D. 1859, of the District Court of the County of Grimes, and State of Texas, Final Sentence was pronounced on one William Brown, convicted at the Spring Term 1858, of said Court of the Murder of one Robert M. Intire, "to solitary confinement for the remainder of his life":

Now therefore, Be it known, that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State; and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby commute said Sentence of "Solitary confinement for the remainder of life" to "confinement for life at hard labor" and hereby direct the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary to observe this my warrant, and make the change herein directed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the Fifteenth day of July A D 1859 and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the Forty-fifth.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

98.

Executive Department
Austin, Texas, August 2nd 1863

I, the Executive Authority
of the State of Mississippi -

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that William J. Garrett stands charged with the crime of the Murder of George T. Williams, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said William J. Garrett has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Mississippi.

Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said William J. Garrett as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to

who is hereby appointed his Agent, on the part of the State to receive him, the said Garrett

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State aforesaid, at the City of Austin, this the 2nd day of August, A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the 85th and of Texas, the 28th.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Executive Department
Austin, Texas, August 2nd 1869

To the Executive Authority
of the State of Mississippi.

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that Jack Hardy stands charged with the crime of the murder of George S. Williams, committed in this State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Jack Hardy has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Mississippi.

Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States to demand the surrender of the said Jack Hardy as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to

who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive him, the said Hardy.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 2nd day of August A.D. one Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Department of State
Washington, August 14, 1860

Hon. John B. Floyd
Secretary of War:-

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by His Excellency Gov. Houston to call your attention to the two appropriations made by Congress to reimburse Texas for money paid out on account of Indian Depredations.

By the act approved March 3, 1859, there was appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, moneys advanced by Texas for the payment of sundry Expenditures of Mounted Volunteers called into service by General Persifer F. Smith, on the 1st of November 1857, for three months.

By the annexed letter of Auditor Fisher, Comptroller of Public Accounts, it will be seen that the account thus expended by Texas is $50. 133. 31.

There was also appropriated by the last Congress, $127.100 in addition to the above for moneys expended by Texas since 1854.

His Excellency desires to know the necessary steps to be taken in order to procure the Warrants thereon, certified copies of the vouchers on file in the Comptroller's office will be deemed duplicates of the original being a portion of the archives of the office, and also, should Drafts upon the Collectors of the Ports of New York and New Orleans be obtained in amounts of $500 and under $10.000.

His Excellency desires to receive instructions at the hands of the Messenger who bears this communication of the money due Texas may not be delayed.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servt

Secretary of State.

Department of State

Austin Aug 13, 1860

Lt. W M. Watkins

Dear Sir By Order of His Excellency, Gov Houston, You will, on receipt of this Order, Muster your Men out of Service, Take an account of all Government Property, Arms, &c and report the Same to the Executive Department

Very Respectfully

Secretary of State

Lt Watkins

Medina Co. Minute Men

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to the District Court of Bexar County in the State of Texas, Judgment final for the sum of one Thousand Dollars, was recovered by the said State of Texas vs Seth M. Barton, as principals, and J. R. Plummer, and L. S. Palmer as Securities, upon a bond executed by the said Defendants Conditioned for the personal Appearance of the said Barton before the District Court of said County to answer an Indictment then exhibited against him for an aggravated Assault and Battery upon the person of one Joseph Reid — Which bond was declared forfeited and default Nihil, and Judgment final rendered thereon for the said sum of One Thousand Dollars, and Costs; And Whereas, it is further represented and known to me, That at the time of the rendition of the Judgment final, it was made known to the Court by Counsel, That the said Barton was then in the City, and would be present on that day, and in a short time, That he did Appear, and at that Term stood his trial upon the Indictment, — was found Guilty, and fined the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars. And it has been further shown to me, That the parties against whom said Judgment was rendered for the sum of One Thousand Dollars, gave Notice of and Obtained an Appeal from said Judgment to the Supreme Court, — but That owing to the neglect of Counsel, said Judgment was in all things affirmed by the Supreme Court, upon Motion, without an Examination into the merits of the Appeal, against the said Seth M. Barton as principal, and W. B. Blain, J. R. Marrion, and L. S. Barton as Securities on Appeal Bond — That Execution has issued against the said parties, for the principal of said Judgment (the Costs being paid) Wherefore they pray Relief. Now, Therefore, as the defendants did Appear and stand his Trial for the Offence for which he was indicted and the Recognizance Forfeited, and as said Judgment final has not been satisfied, I deem that the demands of the State and the ends of Justice have fully met and therefore sufficient ground now exist for the issuance of Executive Clemency — Therefore, Be it known, that I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas by Virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State do hereby fully remit unto the said Defendants the said Judgment of One Thousand Dollars, to the end that the said Defendants may appear and

Appeal bond, and declare the same forever canceled and set aside as to the principal only of said judgment, to wit the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Bexar will make entry upon his Records accordingly, and Cause this my order to be observed and obeyed

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 1st day of September A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the twenty fifth

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas.

To all To whom these presents shall Come— Greeting

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special trust and full confidence in the Honor and Patriotism, Fidelity and Capacity of R R Nayland, have constituted and appointed, and do by these presents, Constitute and appoint him the said R R Nayland to the Office of Agent from the Alabama Indians, locating in Tyler County Texas. — Giving and hereby granting to him the said R R Nayland, full Power and authority as such to exercise and discharge all and singular, the Duties, Rights, Obligations and Privileges under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office incident or appertaining. To have and to Hold the same with all and every the Immunities and Honors, Perquisites and Emoluments thereto belonging for and during the full end and term of his said appointment.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this Fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States of America, the 85th and of Texas the 25th,

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Executive Office
Austin Sept 4th 1860

R. R. Neyland Esq
Agent for Alabama Indians

Dear Sir

By virtue of your Commission this day issued you will proceed to superintend the affairs of the Alabama Indians and take care that they receive the protection guaranteed to them by the Laws.

You will, in the name of the State of Texas maintain their rights against all encroachment, and you are hereby authorized and empowered, in case any unlawful attempt is made to dispossess them of their property or do them bodily harm, to call upon the Chief Justice or any other officer of the peace in and for Tyler County, who will be ordered by the Sheriff of said County to summon an adequate force to enable you to carry into the guarantee of the Government towards them.

You will immediately make a report of their Condition to this Department

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the Executive office in the City of Austin, this, the Fourth day of September A.D. 1860.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been made known to me, that at the Spring Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court held in and for the County of Smith and State of Texas, William Barnes was tried upon Indictments exhibited against him and one James Fuller, for the Murder of one Green B. Cason, and the said Barnes found guilty of Manslaughter and Sentenced to three years Confinement in the State Penitentiary, and that in accordance with the Sentence, he is now in Confinement; And Whereas, It appears from facts presented to me by Petitions from many of the Citizens of said County, that the Sentence imposed upon the said Barnes was not perhaps justified by the Circumstances connected with the affair, that owing to his Confinement his family have been brought to Suffering and want, and in view of all the circumstances and facts presented with the appeals of the Citizens in his behalf, sufficient good cause exists for the exercise of Executive Clemency.

Therefore, Be it Known that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said William Barnes, a full free pardon; And the Superintendent or Keeper of the State Penitentiary, is hereby commanded to release and discharge the said William Barnes from further custody and Confinement for said Offence, and hold this as authority for so doing.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this 7th day of September A.D. 1860.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas at the Fall Term 1859 of the District Court in and for the County of Nacogdoches in the State of Texas, a writ of Error was sued out for the purpose of reversing certain proceedings and judgments had and rendered in favor of the said Error against the said Error, which said writ of Error was duly returned to the next term of said Court, holden at the Court House in the City of Nacogdoches on the 1st Monday in October A.D. 1859, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 3rd day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 4th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 5th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 6th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 7th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 8th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 9th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 10th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 11th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 12th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 13th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 14th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 15th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 16th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 17th day of October A.D. 1859 the said writ of Error was duly docketed and entered upon the docket of said Court, and at the said term of said Court, to wit, on the 18th day of October A.D. 1859 the 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The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been represented to me, and made known to me, that at the Spring Term A.D. 1858, of the District Court held in and for the County of Hampton and State of Texas, William R. Willis was tried for the offence of Retailing Spirituous Liquors in quantities less than one quart without License and found the sum of Fifty Dollars, And that at the Spring Term 1859, of the District Courts of said County, Judgments were found for the sum of Two hundred dollars was rendered against the said William R Willis as principal, and M R Willis as his Surities, upon a bond executed by the said parties, Conditioned that the said William R Willis, personally appear before said District Court to answer the said charges, which bonds had been declared forfeited at a former Term of said District Courts and Judgments Nisi entered - All of which proceedings were had under the acts of 1856, which was at the time, considered inoperative and void. Wherefore, and for other reasons before the petition of the said Willis, Signed by many of the Citizens of said County, he prays relief in Executive Clemency. And in as much as the said Defendants Willis was tried upon the main issue, found guilty and fined the sum of Fifty Dollars, in Each Case that the ends of justice, and the demands of the Law, have been fully met,

Therefore, Be it known that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the powers vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby declare the judgments fined, rendered upon the forfeited bonds, against the said William R Willis, as principal, and W. Williams, M. R. Willis as Surities, fully remitted, as to the principal of the said judgments, Viz: Two Hundred Dollars, Leaving in the judgments for the of Fifty Dollars, and the costs, and the judgments for the costs upon the forfeited bonds, in full force and effect, and the Clerk of the District Court of Hampton County, will make entry upon his records, according to this my order, and cause the same to be observed and enforced.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 10th day of September A.D. 1859, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Sam Houston

Secty of State

State Department
Sept 13th 1860.

Hon Atty. Graham
Attorney General
Dear Sir

Art 1950 (p 424) of Oldham and White's Digest makes it the Comptrollers duty to advertise a list of delinquent Assessors and Collectors which has been done.

Art 1958 (p 425) declares that if any person elected Assessor and Collector y a defaulter, a new election shall be ordered &c.

Is the Secretary of State to regard those returned "delinquents" by the Comptroller as "defaulters" and act accordingly.

An early reply is solicited
Very Respectfully

Secretary of State.

Attorney Genls Office
Austin Sept 25. 1860.

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 13th inst has been rec'd. — Absence and sickness prevented an earlier reply. You refer my attention to Arts 1950 & 1958, O & H. Dig, and then ask, "Is the Secretary of State to regard returned "delinquents" by the Comptroller as "defaulters" and act accordingly"

A proper answer to the question depends much upon the view we take of the words "delinquent" and "defaulter" in the two sections referred to. Each intended to signify the same thing.

If the question is referred to the Lexicographers, it will be found that both terms may be used to convey the same meaning — But it may be said that as the two words occur in different Articles of the Statute to designate in each instance a class of offending officers, that we should therefore presume that the words were intended to convey different meanings. This presumption

is repealed however by Act of 1959, O. & W. Dig, in which the words "delinquents" as above evidently intended to embrace "defaulters."

"But independently of the Statute, the terms of sec 26 of the 3rd Art of the State Constitution is conclusive of the question - It reads as follows - "No person who at any time may have been a Collector of Taxes or who may have been otherwise connected with the public money, shall be eligible to the Legislature, or to any Office of profit or Trust under the State government until he shall have obtained a discharge for the amounts of such Collections, and for all public monies with which he may have been connected"

According to the only construction which can be given to the provision quoted it seems to me to be clear that no Assessor and Collector Can be Commissioned as his own Successor or for any Office of profit or Trust, until he shall have obtained a discharge for all public monies which he may have collected as such.

In view of this provision the distinction between a "delinquent" and a "defaulter" becomes immaterial. My Opinion is, that it is the duty of the Secty of State to ascertain all cases, under Act of 1958 O. & W. Dig, where a party is re-elected Assessor & Collector, whether he be a defaulter or delinquent).

As to the character of the evidence, which the Secty of State, should receive as satisfactory, of the fact that a party is in default or in arrearage, is a question about which any Opinion may be unnecessary. Upon this subject I believe the Statute prescribes no rule. But I should refer the Comptroller's Department the most authentic and satisfactory source of information upon the subject.

I am very Respectfully &c

(Signed) W. D. Graham

Atty Genl

Proclamation
By The Governor

Whereas by The Laws of This State and of The United States an election for Electors of President and Vice President is to be held on throughout This State, on The Tuesday next after The first Monday in November of The present year.

Therefore Be It Known, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of The State of Texas, by virtue of The power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct That an election be held in The several precincts of The several counties in This State, on The Tuesday next after The first Monday (The 6th day) of November next, for The choice of persons Electors of President and Vice Presidents of The United States.

The said Election shall be held and The same manner, in The several places, and under The same regulations, and by Officers or Managers appointed in The same way, as in elections for Members of The House of Representatives of The State Legislature; and each qualified voter shall be authorized to vote for The persons Electors of President and Vice Presidents to which This State is entitled.

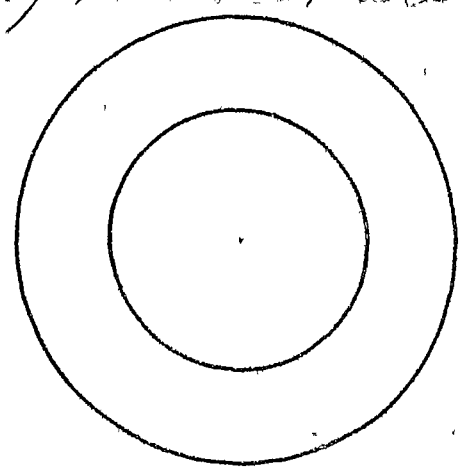
The Chief Justices of The several Counties (and in case of Vacancy in The Office or any inability of The Chief Justice to act, Then any two of the County Commissioners) shall give due notice of The said election, and appoint The precinct Officers, where The same have not already been appointed by The County Courts. The precinct presiding Officers shall appoint The Judges and Clerks of The election, and make immediate returns of The votes polled at Their respective precincts to the Chief Justice (and in case of Vacancy in That Office, or inability of The Chief Justice to act, Then the County Commissioners) of Their respective Counties.

And The Chief Justice (and in case of Vacancy in That Office, or any inability of The Chief Justice to act, Then any two of The County Commissioners,) shall within Four days, after The election, make out in writing, certify, Seal up, and transmit by Mail or other Safe and expeditious conveyance, a correct Statement of The election held at all The precincts in their respective Counties, directed to The Secretary of State, at The City of Austin, and endorsed, Election Returns for _____ County and in all things cause The said election

Conducted according to Law, and due return thereof made as aforesaid.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, the nineteenth day of September, one Thousand eight hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty fifth and of Texas the Twenty fifth.



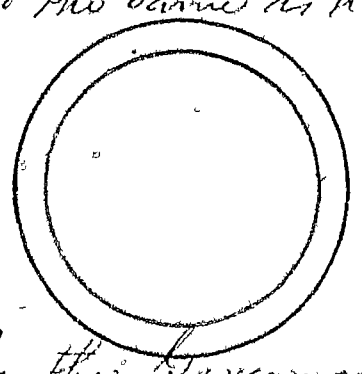
By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me that at the Fall Term A.D. 1858 of the District Court of the County of Gonzales and State of Texas Matthew Graham was convicted of the Crime of feloniously breaking a Sealed Cotton entrusted to his care, and taking therefrom a draft drawn for a certain Sum of Money, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the Term of Two years; That in Obedience to said Sentence he was conveyed to the Penitentiary where he is still confined at hard labor, and it has been further shown to me, that the evidence upon which the said Graham was convicted, was of a Vague uncertain Character— That he has nearly served the entire Term, and during his confinement has been obedient and faithful, and conducted himself in a praiseworthy Manner; Therefore Be it Known That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, By Virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said Matthew Graham a full free Pardon, and the Superintendent or Keeper of the State Penitentiary, is hereby Ordered and required to release the said Matthew Graham from further Confinement and labor for said Offence, immediately on the receipt of this my Order, and hereof the same is his authority Therefor.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the 20th day of September A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth year.



By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

To all and Singular, The Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State, Greeting:

Whereas it has been made known to me by John Wood Governor of the State of Illinois, that William Garrison, late of said State of Illinois, stands charged by Indictment found in the Circuit Court of Wayne County, in said State of Illinois with the Crime of Murder, and that the said Williamson Garrison has fled justice in said State of Illinois, and taken refuge in the State of Texas; and Whereas the said Governor of the State of Illinois in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the Constitution and laws of the United States, has demanded of me that I cause the said Garrison to be arrested and delivered to John Bagwell, the duly Appointed Agent on the part of the State of Illinois to receive said Garrison into custody, and convey him to the State of Illinois; and Whereas the said representation and demand is accompanied by a Copy of said Indictment, duly Certified as authentic, by said Governor of Illinois — Therefore, Be it Known That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and of the United States, issue this my Warrant, Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of this State, to arrest and to aid and assist in arresting the said Williamson Garrison, and deliver him when arrested to the said John Bagwell, Agent for the State of Illinois to receive him, in order that he may be taken back to said State of Illinois, to be dealt with for the Crime of Murder according to Law.

In Testimony whereof I have unto Signed my Name and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, This the 22nd day of September A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Eighth, and of Texas, the Twenty fifth,

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court held in and for the County of Bell and State of Texas, John B. Wiseman was tried for the offence of Keeping a Public Ferry without License and found Thereof, the sum of Fifty Dollars, and whereas, it has been made Known to me, by the Petition of many of the Citizens of said County, as well as the Judge who presided at the trial — the jury who found the Verdict, and Officers of the Court, that the said Wiseman is poor, has a large family to support and that the payment of said fine would be a hardship upon himself and family, and that in truth he had not the intention of Committing a wrong, but believed he was doing a public Service by passing over persons and the mail, that otherwise would have been detained during the late high Waters. Therefore, Be it known, that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, believing from the facts presented, that sufficient good Cause exists for the exercise of Executive Clemency, do, by virtue of the powers Vested in me by the Constitution and laws, hereby remit the fine of Fifty Dollars, imposed upon the said Wiseman and declare the same Cancelled and Set aside; and the Clerk of the District Courts of said County of Bell will make entry upon his Records according to this my order and decree, and hold this as authority therefor

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin this the 24th day of September A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fifth and of Texas, the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secty of State

Election Returns For State Officers

	Comptroller		Treasurer		Atty. Gen'l		
	C R Johns	Geo W. Smyth	C K Randolph	James Shaw	Geo M Flournoy	John R Nichols	
Anderson	874	88	957	50	699	247	
Angelina	85	299	118	241	134	189	
Atascosa	128	89	132	74	122	71	
Austin	756	274	691	250	755	365	
Bandera	14	18	14	17	11	17	
Bastrop	525	263	546	241	547	229	
Bee	121	19	90	55	96	33	
Bell							
Bexar	1151	449	1111	449	1137	462	
Blanco	98	66	111	45	106	80	
Bosque	130	87	131	87	132	81	
Bowie	297	54	294	55	286	57	I. Smith Treasurer
Brazoria	331	88	343	80	350	86	I. G. McJones Comptr
Brazos	71	210	77	201	70	211	
Brown	20	9	27	2	26		
Burleson	299	334	257	388	251	374	
Burnet	124	151	128	148	125	148	
Caldwell	306	247	333	207	302	248	
Calhoun	179	80	179	83	178	77	
Cameron	390	21	392	20	390	21	
Cass	464	90	468	27	468	95	
Chambers	88	22	75	24	70	26	
Cherokee	1142	264	1333	95	838	511	
Collin	489	390	514	383	495	387	
Colorado	312	440	313	437	311	441	
Comal	425	10	426	9	425	10	
Comanche							
Cooke	133	85	133	86	147	207	
Coryell	164	133	169	127	159	129	
Dallas	882	48	874	40	707	181	
Denton	530	3	532	6	531	4	
De Witt	398	23	392	20	392	19	
Ellis	255	182	245	156	257	154	
El Paso	499	48	499	48	498	47	
Erath	152	27	150		112	4	
Falls	105	173	202	83	103	138	
Fannin	447	200	452	176	394	230	
Fayette	609	523	659	466	623	495	
Fort Bend	331	59	327	58	325	48	

August 6th, 1866

	Comptroller		Treasurer		Attys. Genl.		
	C R Johns	Geo W Smyth	C Jph Randolph	James Shaw	Geo M Flournoy	Athos D Mc Lees	
Limestone	306	222	333	177	352	144	
Galveston	498	317	499	316	514	257	
Gillespie	156	136	157	130	157	133	
Goliad	205	119	229	181	234	162	
Gonzales	400	204	400	206	311	256	
Grayson	439	212	437	209	308	280	
Grimes	364	131	629	112	405	335	
Guadalupe	391	135	395	105	415	111	
Hamilton	45	7	49		47	2	
Hardin	68	66	105	15	107	15	
Harris	721	668	729	694	837	564	
Harrison	485	433	498	433	540	379	
Hays	115	129	141	91	144	120	
Henderson							
Hidalgo							
Hill	167	279	254	171	196	248	
Hopkins	464	148	476	51	447	164	100. Evans, Treasurer
Houston	576	262	861	44	645	197	
Hunt	668	39	668	41	664	47	
Jack	68		64		55	8	1 more to the Treasurer 1 Raymond "
Jackson	82	121	74	130	84	120	
Jasper	62	359	178	171	216	101	
Jefferson	47	106	79	64	76	65	
Johnson	424	40	437	32	427	45	
Kaufman	168	82	172	71	189	59	
Kaufman	419	123	459	114	366	182	
Kerr	50	69	58	59	67	51	
Lamar	683	116	683	92	668	102	
Lampasas	83	88	87	88	84	87	
Lavaca	361	120	348	133	362	128	
Leon	383	354	463	300	399	344	
Liberty	297	7	296	7	295	9	
Limestone	261	189	312	118	295	148	
Live Oak	87	11	85	12	82	5	
Llano	118	33	128	30	127	33	
McLennan	319	243	350	203	369	201	
Madison	89	132	199	33	92	131	
Marion	301	143	297	149	322	147	
Mason	22	16	24	7	24	14	

Election Returns For State Officers

	Comptroller		Treasurer		Atty Genl		
	C. R. Stone	Geo. W. Smyth	C. R. Ramsdell	Danl Shaw	Geo. M. Flournoy	Asbury B. McNabb	
Matagorda	179	16	182	11	180	16	
Medina	238	5	234	10	233	5	
Milam	426	207	416	224	405	225	
Montague	105		105		86	21	
Nacogdoches	162	747	238	653	302	580	
Navarro	365	235	364	234	364	238	
Newton	58	154	62	127	69	117	
Nueces	616	85	632	75	631	74	
Orange	34	93	52	72	41	80	
Palo Pinto	165	2	125	11	89	2	
Panola	359	212	315	7	409	145	99. McKinney Treas 21. Johns 21. Graham Atty Genl
Rankin	665	103	627	134	619	139	
Polk	296	201	354	135	380	92	
Red River	663	193	674	206	672	216	
Refugio	135	13	141	16	106	54	
Robertson	204	204	260	159	231	193	
Rusk	1012	681	1610	45	1026	672	
Sabine	73	228	111	188	152	138	
San Augustine	141	213	200	162	224	119	
San Patricio	78	14	81	14	81	14	
San Saba	58	125	46	123	38	124	
Shelby	368	254	407	214	424	200	
Smith	1139		1195		959	330	80. Shaw Comptr 56. Smith Treas
Starr	39	94	40	93	39	94	
Tarrant	401	264	479	193	435	222	
Titus	502	125	458	124	475	125	
Travis	496	423	632	284	565	352	
Trinity	383	181	523	60	486	75	
Tyler	262	174	337	71	345	87	
Upshur	936	213	798	42	777	244	145 Evans Sec
Uvalde	84	32	82	37	78	34	
Van Zandt	376		379		344	27	
Victoria	333	102	318	93	334	81	
Walker	349	311	428	228	359	299	
Washington	876	331	846	348	750	455	
Webb							
Wilson	38	96	55	75	37	95	
Wise	95	12	93	11	83	16	
Wharton	71	77	76	71	78	68	

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	Comptroller		Treasurer		Atty Genl	
	G.R. Fortune	Geo. W. Smythe	C.H. Ramsdale	James Shaw	Ben. Mc Kinney	John D. McAdory
Williamson	337	337	400	271	413	218
Wood	346	278	342	267	348	266
Young	72	16	75	10	74	9
Shasta	78		78		78	
Montgomery	130	241	168	195	136	226
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District Judge

7th Judicial District

Counties	C. H. Palmer	L. H. Thompson	Edmondson
Grimes	406	205	145
Walker	261	287	
Montgomery	255	119	
Harris	1033	419	9
Galveston	219	714	
	2174	1744	154

13th Judicial District

Counties	A. P. Swearte	Henderson	C. Pitt Brinkerhoff
Madison	189	63	2
Robertson	248	183	47
Falls	232	144	2
Limestone	197	326	
Hill	174	259	33
Navarro	303	141	262
Freestone	197	371	7
Leon	399	379	5
	1939	1863	357

14th District

Counties	Adolphus Olmsted	Hosea M. Collier	F. Lumpkin Lewis	W. W. Bonnell	L. S. Lumpkin	Abner McKinney	Pamelia	Orceneth
Nueces	206	135	1	1	18			
San Patricio	39	20	6	6	3			25
Refugio	40	9	41	8	74	4		2
Goliad	28	208	118	80	26			1
Karnes		49	37		203			
Bee	26	12	25	37	27	7		2
Live Oak	2	30	4		69			
	341	483	232	132	420	11		30

Nueces County.

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District Attorneys

1. District

Counties	Vance Gorgas	Edward Clark
Brazoria	141	290
Matagorda	48	118
Wharton	65	89
Colorado	205	558
Fayette	489	672
Austin	686	357
Fort Bend	201	225
	1135	2339

2.d District

Counties	Lucien Sweet	McKinney Gorman	Rice Maco
Bastrop	215	263	293
Caldwell	248	234	69
Guadalupe	98	105	397
Hays	97	91	34
Travis	496	280	99
	1154	973	892

11-th District

Counties	D.W.G. Abercrombie	Thos S. Harrison	J.J. Allen	W.M. Dennis
Bryan	670	576	445	15
Grimes				
Karnes	21	10	25	64
Gillespie			7	295
Blanco			31	112
Mason			10	25
Wilson	66	28	97	
	757	614	615	511

5th District

Counties	S.B. Burleson	R.M. Collom	L. Monroe
Denton	68	35	148
Jasper	79	103	247
Sabine	34	178	102
Shelby	330	204	140
San Augustine	304	62	43
Aydelia	268	145	106
Nacogdoches	397	487	130
	1480	1214	916

District Attorney's

Sixth District

Counties	Solon McCauley	Thos. J. Beall	C.B. Truner	Thos. Ewing	E. Barnes	Williamson	Counties	Jno. H. Stephens	J.T. Mayfield
Rusk	918	647	77				Titus	736	457
Harrison	413	652	55				Hopkins	410	605
Upshur	683	415	45				Hunt	393	348
Wood	264	301	15		40		Fannin	405	420
Panola	246	180	303	1	35	14	Lamar	435	684
	2324	2195	475	1	75	14	Red River	348	437
							Bowie	274	101
							Cass	390	284
							Marion	326	163
								3717	3399

District Attorney's

9th District

11th District

Counties	D.S. Beckcom	J.S. Pendleton	R.H. Broyles	C.C. Douglas	Counties	Williamson	Martin
Houston	230	207	183	234	El Paso		
Cherokee	1061	66	226	137			
Anderson	396	348	263	118			
Henderson							
Kaufman	89	228	3	261			
Van Zandt	110	50	117	211			
Smith	329	53	315	614			
	2215	952	1107	1575			

District Attorney

9th District

Counties	J. P. Adams	L. L. Lamar
Madison	103	142
Robertson	341	140
Falls	295	73
Limestone	139	360
Hill	258	173
Navarro	264	402
Freestone	266	296
Leon	393	382
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13th District

Counties	Stanley Learmonth	Perriman
Chambers	62	14
Liberty	223	81
Polk	601	7
Trinity	406	176
Tyler	256	176
Hardin	64	80
Jefferson	54	112
Orange		
	1666.	646

District Attorney's

16th District

Counties	J. W. Record	Dale	D. A. Pierce
Dallas	585	132	208
Ellis	184		416
Johnson	278		257
Parker	193		629
Tarrant	100		591
	1340	132.	2101.

17th District

Counties	Wm. Munroe	John Washington	Ben Hale	Isaac A. Pennington
Williamson	105	37	36	459
Burnet	148	7	56	71
Llano	68	26	27	33
San Saba	20	27	15	117
Brown	11	8	4	
Lampasas	44	59		49
	396.	161.	138.	729

District Attorney

18th District

Counties	J. W. Stafford	James Paul
Kaufman	128	76
Bandera	27	15
Uvalde	93	50
Medina	85	156
	333.	297.

Executive Department

Austin October 8th 1864

Election Returns from Nueces County

Petitions from Citizens of the Counties of Nueces, Goliad, Live Oak, Refugio, San Patricio, Bee and Aransas, Comprising the 14th Judicial District, urging that the returns from Precinct No 9, in the County of Nueces, are illegal and fraudulent and should be rejected, having been considered by the Governor and Secretary of State (the Attorney General being absent); And also the proceedings of the County Court of Nueces County, establishing said Precinct, the poll books of the said Precinct, and sundry Affidavits going to show fraud in said election, it is determined

1st That it appearing from the map of the County of Nueces, that a large portion of the unorganized County of Encinal included in the said Precinct No 9, established by the County Court of Nueces County is part of the County of Webb and beyond the limits of the County of Nueces, and the said 14th Judicial District, the establishment of a Precinct including the voters of all of the unorganized County of Encinal, was illegal, and the returns of election from said Precinct cannot be received.

2d That said Precinct No 9, was not established at the 1st regular Term of the County Court of Nueces County, as required by Law; but at a Special Term in July; and that no notice of the establishment of said Precinct was given in the order for the August election.

3d That the establishment of said Precinct No 9 at a time not authorized by Law, and the fact that no notice was given of the same, together with the whole proceeding in reference to the conducting of said election at Precinct No 9, Warrants the belief that it is not only illegal, but fraudulent; and as such should be rejected by the Governor and Secretary of State.

It is therefore declared that the returns purporting to be returns of Precinct No 9 in the County of Nueces, be rejected.

The proceedings stated in reference to the illegal establishment of Precinct No 9, and the fraud in conducting the election and demand by a secondary to the fact that a portion of the Precinct is beyond the limits of the 14th Judicial District and are only considered as going to show that the rights of the party legally elected by the actual

Voters of the Districts are not effected by the Irregularity of said Returns.

(Signed)

This is to certify that on this the fifth day of October 1861, we E. H. Cowan Secretary of State, and Sam Houston Governor (Wm Graham, the Attorney General being unable to act on account of his absence from the seat of Government) proceeded to open and count the returns of Votes made to the Secretary of State according to law, of an Election held on the Sixth day of August 1861, in the several Counties of this State, for Comptroller of Public Accounts, — State Treasurer and Attorney General, Also at an election held at the same time in the several Counties composing the Seventh, Thirteenth and fourteenth Judicial Districts, each for a District Judge, and also at an election held at the same time, in the several Counties composing the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, ninth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Judicial Districts, each for a District Attorney, and that the foregoing Ten pages contain a true and correct Statement of the Vote so returned.

(Signed)

The State of Texas.

Executive Department

I, Sam Houston, Governor of said State, do hereby Certify, that from an examination of the returns made according to Law, to the Secretary of State, of the votes given for Comptroller of Public Accounts, and am. elected on the Sixth day of August 1866, in the several Counties within Said State, it appears that Clement R Johns received the highest number of votes cast for that office, and I hereby declare that said Clement R Johns has been duly elected to said Office.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my Name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, This the 5th day of October A.D. 1866, and of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Executive Department

I, Sam Houston, Governor of said State, do hereby Certify that, from an examination of the returns made according to law, to the Secretary of State, of the votes given for the various offices of the State, at an election held on the Sixth day of August 1860, in the several Counties within said State, it appears that C. H. Randolph received the highest number of votes cast for that Office, and I hereby declare that said C. H. Randolph has been duly elected to said Office.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 5th day of October A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Executive Department

I, Sam Houston, Governor of said State, do hereby Certify That from an Examination of the returns made according to Law, to the Secretary of State, of the votes given for Attorney General of said State, at an election held on the Sixth day of August 1860, in the several Counties in said State, It appears that George M. Flournoy, received the highest number of votes cast for that Office, and I hereby declare that said George M. Flournoy, has been duly elected to said Office.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 5th, day of October A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that from an examination of the returns made to the Secretary of State according to Law, of the votes given for District Judge of the Seventh Judicial District of said State, at the General Election held on the Sixth day of August A.D. 1860, in the several Counties composing said District, it appears that E. A. Palmer received the highest number of votes given for said Office, and I hereby declare that E. A. Palmer has been duly elected to said office.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 5th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the 25th,

By the Governor

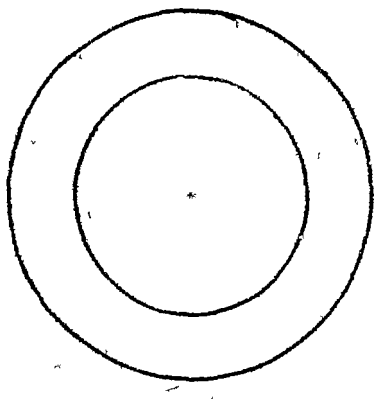
Secretary of State.

Note —— Certificates of Election similar to the foregoing have issued to M. T. Jewett of the 13th Judicial District and John R. McKinney of the 14th District.

The State of Texas.

I, Pendleton Murrah, Governor of the said State of Texas, do hereby certify, that from the examination of the returns made to the Secretary of State, according to Law, of the vote given for District Attorney of the First Judicial District of said State, at the General election held on the Sixth day of August A.D. 1860, in the several Counties composing said District, — it appears that Edward Coldin, received the highest number of votes given for said Office, and I do hereby declare that said Edward Coldin has been duly elected to said Office.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and cause the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 5th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Seventy fifth.



By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Note. — Similar Certificates to the above were issued to

Thos E. Sneed	of the	2d Judl Dist
M. G. Anderson	" "	4th " "
S. B. Burley	" "	5 " " "
John McClanahan	" "	6 " " "
John Stephens	" "	8 " " "
J. P. Richards	" "	9 " " "
William J. Morton	" "	11 " " "
J. P. Alsbury	" "	13 " " "
John L. Henry	" "	15 " " "
Dill. Davis	" "	16 " " "
Jesse H. Harrington	" "	17 " " "
J. H. Clayton	" "	18 " " "

In the name and by the Authority of
The State of Texas

To all to whom These Presents shall Come—Greeting.—

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of
The State of Texas, reposing Special Trust and Confidence
in the Courage, Patriotism, and Integrity of William
C. Dalrymple, and in his fidelity to the Constitution and
Laws of The State of Texas, and his attachment to the
United States of America do hereby Appoint him the
said William C. Dalrymple "Volunteer Aid de Camp"
with the Rank of Colonel of Cavalry, to the Commander
in Chief of the Texas Militia.

Given under my hand and
the Great Seal of the State, at the
City of Austin, this the 10th day of
October, A.D. 1860, and in the Year
of the Independence of the United
States, the 85th and of Texas, the
Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secty of State,

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The State of Texas

Executive Office
Austin Texas
Oct 5, 1860

To all and Singular, The Sheriffs, Constables and other
Civil Officers of said State — Greeting.

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, by Edw. N. Conway Governor of the State of Arkansas, that William S. Deadman of the said State of Arkansas, stands charged with the Crime of "Murder" committed on the 29th day of July A.D. 1860, in the County of Prairie, and State of Arkansas, upon the body of John S. Blands; and that the said William S. Deadman has fled from justice in said State, and has taken refuge in the State of Texas; And Whereas, His said Excellency Governor of the State of Arkansas, in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, has demanded of me that I cause the said William S. Deadman to be arrested and delivered to William P. Preston, the duly authorized Agent appointed by said Governor of the State of Arkansas to receive said Deadman into Custody and convey him back to the said State of Arkansas. And Whereas the said requisition and demand is duly certified as authentic by the said Governor of the State of Arkansas, Now Therefore I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and of the United States, issue this my Warrant Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables, and other Civil Officers of this State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said William S. Deadman, and to deliver him when arrested to the said William P. Preston Agent of said State of Arkansas, in order that he may be taken back to said State of Arkansas, to be dealt with for said Crime of "Murder" according to Law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereto signed my name and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 15th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th

By the Governor

Secty of State

Proclamation
By The Governor
$200. Reward
The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that on the first day of February A.D. 1858, in the County of Colbin and State of Texas, one Walker Martin committed the Crime of "Murder" upon the body of P.A. Doggett, for which the now stands indicted in the District Court of said County. That immediately after committing said deed, the said Martin fled to parts unknown, and is still at large. Therefore, Be it known that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the authority vested in me by law do hereby offer a reward of Two hundred dollars, for the arrest and delivery of the said Walker Martin to the Sheriff, or any Civil Officer of said County of Colbin, so that he may be dealt with for said Crime, according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at the City of Austin this 15th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the 25th year of the Independence of Texas, the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Ordered to be published in the Weekly Messenger for four successive weeks.

Executive
Austin October 15, 1860

The Executive Authority of the Territory of the
Chickasaw Nation.

Whereas, It appears by the accompanied documents, which are sworn by certified to be authentic, that Walker Martin stands charged with the crime of Murder, committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Walker Martin has fled from justice and taken refuge in the Chickasaw Nation,
Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thereupon issued requisition in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said Walker Martin, as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to James L Read, who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive him.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed at the City of Austin, this the 15th day of October A.D. one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas the 25th year

By the Governor

Secretary of State

In The Name and by the Authority of the
State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Courage, Patriotism, and Integrity of Edward Burleson, and in his Fidelity to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and his Attachment to the United States of America, do hereby appoint him the said Edward Burleson Volunteer Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief of the Texas Militia, (of the 4th Division) comprising the Counties of Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Milam, Williamson, Burnet, Bell and Lampasas.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto Sign my name and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this the 16th day of October A.D. 1860. and in the Eighty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th. —

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Election

Proclamation

By The Governor

Be it Known, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby Ordain and direct That an Election be held in the several Counties composing the 12th Judicial District of the State of Texas, on the First Monday, the 2d day of December next, for the Election of a District Attorney, for said Judicial District, to fill the Vacancy in said Office caused by the resignation of A. B. Bacon. The Chief Justice of the several Counties (or in Case of Vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability or refusal of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will therefore give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several Precincts of their respective Counties, on the said First Monday (the 2d day) of December 1860, for the election of the aforesaid Officer, and make returns of said election, to the Secretary of State, according to Law.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 17th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the 25th,

By The Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that at the Fall Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Bastrop and State of Texas, John Bradly was tried for an assault with the intent to kill one Thomas Biddle, for which the said Bradly was found guilty and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the Term of Two years, and it has been further shown to me, by the petition of a number of the citizens of said County, to which appears the names of most of the jurors who rendered the Verdict, and also of the Officers of Court, that the said Bradly has always heretofore conducted himself as an orderly, law abiding, good Citizen, that he is and and peaceable, and is no hard a fit Convict of the Penitentiary. And it also appears from the evidence, Certified Copies of which accompany said petition, that the said Bradly was, to some extent provocable. In view of all the facts presented, and the advanced age of the said Bradly, sufficient Cause appears to exist to justify the exercise of Executive Clemency - Therefore, Be it Known, that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said John Bradly, a full free Pardon for said offence, and the Sheriff, or Officer having said Bradly in Custody, will immediately, on receipt hereof, release and discharge the said Bradly, and hereby this as his authority for so doing; and the Clerk of the District Court of said County, will make entry upon his records in accordance with this my order.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 19th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

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Thanksgiving Day

Proclamation

By The Governor of The State of Texas

Though the year which is drawing to its close, has not been marked by that degree of prosperity, which has hitherto attended the people of Texas, yet we are full grateful to Heaven for the many and blessings vouchsafed to us For that protecting power which attended Texas in its hours of gloom, and has conducted it through the path of prosperity up to the present period, we have abundant reason to be Thankful. For our present happy position; the civil and religious liberty we enjoy, the preservation of our lives and the unexampled good health which has been ours in the past year, we may look the presence of our Heavenly Father, humbling ourselves, before Him and rendering our Praise, asking in a Spirit of Thankfulness That the promise of the future may be realized in its fullness, not only by us and the generation that are to come after us, but to the Millions of other lands, now hopefully awaiting their deliverance from oppression.

Providence has ever guarded the people of these United States. He sustained the hopes of our struggling fathers until they gained the liberty we now enjoy. He gave them the wisdom and prudence through which our government was formed. For eighty four years that same Providence has shielded us, and amid dangers from without and dissension from within, has encircled us with his protecting arm and preserved our liberties in fact. Let us in the hour of Prayer, implore Him to shield us still in the time of peril, that we may be preserved a United people, free, independent and prosperous.

That a Nations Prayers may harmoniously ascend to the Almighty Throne.

Now, Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do appoint Thursday, the Twenty Ninth Day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God, and recommend to the people of this State, that on that day, they abstain from their usual avocations, and assemble in their places of worship, there to render to God, the Ruler of the Universe, the thanks due for his kindness and Mercy.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, Done at the City of Austin, this the 27th day of October A.D. 1860, and in the years of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty fifth, and of Texas the twenty fifth,

By the Governor

Secretary of State

In The Name and by The Authority of
The State of Texas

To all to whom These presents shall come - Greeting

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Courage, Patriotism and Integrity of Francis S. Duffau, and in his Fidelity to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and his Attachment to the United States of America, do hereby appoint him The said Francis S Duffau Aid de Camp to The Commander in Chief of the Texas Militia — of The Fourth Division, Comprising the Counties of Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Milam, Williamson, Burnet, Bell and Lampasas.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin This the 1st day of November A.D. 1860 and of the Independence of The United States The 85th, and of Texas, The 25th,

By The Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting

Know Ye, that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Ability, and Scientific Attainments of Francis Moore, and by virtue of the powers vested in me, by an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled — "An act to provide for a Geological and Agricultural Survey of said State" "Approved July 16th 1858, have this day appointed, and do by these presents, appoint said Francis Moore "State Geologist" giving and Conferring upon him the said Francis Moore full power and authority as such, to exercise and discharge all and singular the duties, rights, Obligations and trusts, under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office incident and appertaining. To have and to hold the same with all and singular the immunities and honors, perquisites and emoluments thereto belonging for and until the full end and term of the appointment unless sooner removed by the Governor of the State for the time being.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 5th day of November A.D. 1860, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

Executive Department

Austin November 7th 1860.

To the Executive Authority of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Territory.

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, That Buck Colbert, Russell McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Joshua Harper, Thomas Collins Jr. Martin Bigby and Noah Colbert stand charged with the Crime of "Arson" committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Buck Colbert, Russell McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Joshua Harper, Thomas Collins, Jr. Martin Bigby and Noah Colbert have fled from justice and taken refuge in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Territories

Therefore I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the Surrender of the said Buck Colbert Russell McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Joshua Harper, Thomas Collins Jr Martin Bigby and Noah Colbert as fugitives from justice, and that they be delivered to James Grayson, who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive them.

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State, at the City of Austin this the 7th day of November A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th Year.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Executive Department
Austin Nov 7th 1860.

To The Executive Authority of The Choctaw or Chickasaw Territory,

Whereas, It appears by The annexed documents which are hereby certified to be authentic, That Buck Colbert, Joshua Harper, Russell McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Martin Bigby, and Thomas Collins, Stand Charged with The Crime of "Murder" (The Murder of Patrick Madden) committed in The State of Texas, and information having been received that The said Buck Colbert, Joshua Harper, Russell McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Martin Bigby and Thomas Collins, have fled from justice and taken refuge in The Choctaw or Chickasaw Territory. Therefore I, Sam Houston Governor of The State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of The provisions of The Constitution and Laws of The United States, to demand The surrender of The said Buck Colbert, Joshua Harper, Russell McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Martin Bigby, and Thomas Collins, as fugitives from justice, and that they be delivered to James Grant who is hereby appointed The Agent on The part of The State to receive them.

Given under my hand and The Great Seal of The State, at The City of Austin This The 7th day of November A.D. 1860, and of The Independence of The United States The Eighty fifth and of Texas, The Twenty fifth, Year.

By The Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court of the County of Refugio, in said State of Texas, one William Franks was convicted of the Murder of one Jesse Ferguson, and sentenced thereon to be Confined in the State Penitentiary, at Huntsville, for the term of Five Years; and Whereas, upon an examination of the Testimony upon which said Franks was convicted — it appears that the gun, at the time it Went off in the hands of said Franks, was only half Cocked, and not held in a shooting position; and that it was not the manifest intention of said Franks to Kill the said Ferguson; and for other good and sufficient reasons to me appearing, are deemed sufficient to authorize and justify the interposition of Executive Clemency in behalf of said Franks:

Now Therefore I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby grant this my full pardon to the said William Franks, and the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, or other Officer having the said Franks in charge, are hereby directed to release and discharge him from all further Confinement by Virtue of said Conviction and Sentence.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the Eighth day of November A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of Texas the 25th year

By the Governor

Secretary of State

Proclamation

By The Governor

Whereas, it appearing from a notice published in The State Gazette over the signature of "Clement R Johns, Comptroller," of the State of Texas, that the said Clement R Johns, in violation of law and in derogation of the order of the Executive, has advertised that he will pay off the Officers and Soldiers of Capt. H. B. Dalrymple's Company of Mounted Volunteers, late in the service of the State, on and after the 15th; and Whereas a Paymaster having been appointed and having given bond as required by law, to pay off the Troops as well as other Companies in the service of the State, whose duty is to certify the amounts of the State's indebtedness to each man, Officer or Soldier, upon which certificates alone it is the duty of the Comptroller to issue his interest Warrants, And Whereas, it is not in the scope of the Comptroller's duties, nor is he authorized by Law or Custom to issue Warrants upon the Treasury bearing interest without the signature of the Governor.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby declare, that any attempt to pay the Officers or Soldiers of said Company, or any other Company in Treasury Warrants bearing interest, or otherwise, unless on the Certificates of the Paymasters, is Contrary to Law, and that his acts in so issuing said Warrants will be null and void and a Violation of his duty as Comptroller, and all parties are hereby warned against buying or trading for any such Warrants so illegally issued

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 9th day of November, A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the twenty-fifth.

By The Governor

Secty of State

Proclamation

By The Governor

Whereas, on The 28th day of September, A.D. 1860, The Secretary of State of the State of Texas, in accordance with law, issued an order for a new election for Assessor and Collector in the County of Trinity, in place of A.J. West declared to be a defaulter by publication of Clement R. Johns, Comptroller of the State of Texas, And Whereas, on The 20th day of October, A.D. 1860, Hon. J. W. Maxey, District Judge of the 13th Judicial District, issued an order for a Writ of Injunction, enjoining the officers appointed to hold said election, from holding said election upon the grounds that the said Comptroller had wrongfully published the said West as a defaulter, when he, by the Statements of the said Comptroller, thereto appended, was not a defaulter, but that the State of Texas was indebted to him, in obedience to which Injunction no election was held, and Whereas, the proceedings of the said Judge, in said case are deemed an interference with the Executive Department of the Government and the Elective franchise, not within the Scope of Judicial Authority.

Now therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby give full force and effect to the order of the Secretary of State, this day issued, instructing the Chief Justice of Trinity County, to "forthwith" order an election to be held in said County, for Assessor and Collector, and the said election will be held in the manner prescribed by law, the same as if said Injunction had not been issued.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 12th day of November A.D. 1860, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By The Governor

Secty of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term A.D. on the 26th day of March A.D. 1866, of the District Court in and for the County of Bexar and State aforesaid William Berry was convicted of an assault with intent to murder one Domingo Flores, and sentenced thereon to two years imprisonment in the Penitentiary; And Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me by petition of divers Citizens of Bexar County, including two of the twelve jurors who tried the case, asking the pardon of said Berry; And Whereas, the said Flores received no bodily injury in the assault made upon him by the said Berry, and the character of said Berry has been good— he having served out two enlistments and received an honorable discharge therefor.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing do hereby grant to the said William Berry, a full and free pardon for and on account of said conviction and sentence as aforesaid; and the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary will release and discharge the said Berry from all further confinement therefor.

In Testimony Whereof I have unto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 14th day of November A.D. 1866 and in the 91st year of the Independence of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Secty of State

Executive Department

Austin November 15, 1860

To The Executive Authority of The State of Louisiana,

Whereas, It appears by The accompanied documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, That Joseph Backus stands charged with the Crime of "Murder" committed in the State of Texas, said information having been received, That the said Joseph Backus has fled from justice and taken refuge in the State of Louisiana. Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas have thought proper in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said Joseph Backus as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to John Mason and John Ramsey who are hereby appointed The Agents on the part of The State to receive him

Given under my hand and The great seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, this The 15th day of November A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of the United States, The 85th, and of Texas The 25th, Year

By The Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

To all and Singular The Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers — Greeting:

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me by John J. Pettus, Governor of the State of Mississippi, That Benjamin W. Rentfrow, late of said State of Mississippi, Stands Charged by the affidavits of Mrs Josephine Rentfrow, Administratrix of W.W. Rentfrow Deceased, "with feloniously taking and Carrying away Sundry Slaves and a Valuable Paper", and That the said Benjamin W. Rentfrow has fled from justice in the State of Mississippi, and Taken refuge in the State of Texas. And Whereas, The said Governor of the State of Mississippi, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States has demanded of me, That I Cause the said Benjamin W. Rentfrow to be arrested and delivered to D.C. Rentfrow the duly authorized Agent, Appointed by said Governor of the State of Mississippi to receive the said Rentfrow into Custody and Convey him back to the State of Mississippi; And Whereas, The said representation and demand are duly certified to be authentic, by the said Governor of the State of Mississippi.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, do by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and of the United States, issue this my Warrant Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of this State to arrest, and to aid and Assist in arresting the said Benjamin W. Rentfrow, and deliver him when arrested to the said D. C. Rentfrow Agent of the said State of Mississippi in order That he may be taken back to the said State of Mississippi to be dealt with for said "feloniously taking and Carrying away Sundry, and a Valuable paper" according to Law

In Testimony whereof I have caused to sign my Name and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin This the 19th day of November A.D. 1858, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 23rd

By the Governor.

Election Returns, For President and Vice President, U.S. 1860

Counties	Electors for State at Large				Elector, Cong Districts			
	M. D. Graham	Ross N. Waud	William Steadman	Gen. M. Rusk	H. F. Rainey	Asbury M. Wharton	B. M. Edmonson	John M. Rowan
Anderson	853	853	113	113	852	853	113	112
Angelina	213	213	122	122	213	213	122	122
Atascosa	194	194	21	21	194	194	21	21
Austin	395	395	128	157	374	395	135	157
Bandera	6	6	32	32	2	6	32	32
Bastrop	433	433	184	184	433	433	184	183
Bee	121	121	24	24	121	121	24	24
Bell	487	486	192	192	486	486	192	192
Bexar	985	986	292	290	984	985	293	286
Blanco	135	136	28	28	113	125	28	28
Bosque	219	218	43	46	218	218	40	46
Bowie	324	324	126	126	324	324	126	126
Brazoria	390	390	65	65	390	390	65	65
Brazos	283	283	13	13	283	283	13	13
Brown	39	39	9	9	39	39	9	9
Burleson	506	506	110	109	505	505	110	110
Burnet	148	148	136	136	148	148	136	136
Caldwell	423	423	128	128	423	423	128	128
Calhoun	348	350	183	100	349	348	122	104
Cameron	335	335	82	82	335	335	82	82
Cass	536	536	234	234	536	536	234	234
Chambers	106	106	19	19	107	106	19	19
Cherokee	908	908	158	158	908	908	158	158
Clay								
Collin	667	667	402	402	967	967	402	402
Colorado	569	569	394	394	568	567	393	393
Comal	201	201	22	22	187	199	20	22
Comanche								
Cook	264	264	136	136	265	265	136	136
Coryell	248	249	85	85	249	250	72	85
Dallas	868	868	274	274	869	867	277	274
Denton	586	586	189	189	586	586	189	189
De Witt	491	490	83	83	491	491	83	83
Ellis	416	416	206	206	416	416	206	206
El Paso	1042	1042	11	10	1042	1042	11	11
Erath	214	214	19	19	214	214	19	1
Falls	161	161	85	85	161	161	85	
Fannin	778	778	377	377				

Counties	Electors for State at Large				Cong. Dist Electors			
	Wm R Graham	Thos N Wands	Wm Hardeman	Geo W Paschal	A. S. Rainey	Sutton H. Thompson	B.H. Gibson	Sutton H. Robinson
Fayette	745	744	442	442	745	745	441	442
Fort Bend	317	362	38	31	317	318	31	31
Freestone	568	568	69	70	567	567	69	69
Galveston	730	730	283	282	730	731	283	284
Gillespie	66	66	70	70	66	66	70	70
Goliad	237	243	136	135	243	243	136	136
Gonzales	647	646	215	215	646	647	214	214
Grayson	776	776	441	441	776	776	441	441
Grimes	604	604	203	203	605	606	203	203
Guadalupe	243	244	139	139	245	244	140	140
Hamilton	108	108	8	7	108	108	8	8
Hardin	231	231	16	16	231	231	16	16
Harris	1011	990	382	382	963	1011	382	382
Harrison	681	681	388	379	680	680	388	379
Hays	164	164	132	132	164	164	132	132
Henderson	464	464	120	120	464	464	120	120
Hill	391	389	130	130	387	383	130	130
Hopkins	812	812	271	271	812	812	271	271
Houston	432	431	128	128	446	432	128	128
Hunt	712	712	235	235	712	712	235	235
Jack	101	100	35	34	100	101	35	35
Jackson	181	181	115	115	181	181	115	115
Jasper	268	268	88	88	268	268	88	88
Jefferson	257	257	85	85	249	250	85	85
Johnson	446	446	59	58	440	440	59	59
Kaufman	160	160	65	63	160	160	65	65
Kaufman	663	663	164	164	663	663	169	164
Kerr	86	86	31	31	86	86	31	31
Lamar	791	791	332	332	791	791	332	332
Lampasas	80	80	72	72	80	80	72	72
Lavaca	596	596	110	110	596	596	110	110
Leon	576	576	138	138	576	576	138	138
Liberty	345	345	6	6	345	345	6	6
Limestone	482	482	40	40	480	480	40	40
Llano	153	153	48	48	153	153	48	48
McLennan	524	524	202	202	502	524	202	202
Madison	232	232	26	26	170	232	26	26
Marion	446	446	184	183	446	446	184	183

Counties	Electors for State at Large				Cong Dist. Electors			
	Chas. Graham	Thos. N. Waul	William Bledsoe	Geo. M. Rockhall	A. J. Rainey	Solon A. McKenzie	B. H. Epperson	Lewis McMillan
Mason	17	17	1	1	17	17	1	1
Matagorda	195	195	8	8	195	195	8	8
Medina	146	146	44	44	145	146	36	44
Milam	474	474	174	144	467	474	174	174
Montague	120	120	32	32	120	120	32	32
Montgomery	263	265	113	113	263	263	113	113
Nacogdoches	381	381	191	191	381	381	191	190
Navarro	491	191	171	165	493	493	171	166
Newton								
Nueces	125	125	44	44	125	125	44	44
Orange	129	129	6	6	128	127	6	6
Palo Pinto	152	152	6	6	152	152	6	6
Panola	519	518	131	130	519	519	130	130
Parker	775	775	166	166	775	775	166	166
Polk	562	562	62	62	562	562	62	62
Red River	574	574	310	310	574	574	311	310
Refugio	161	155	52	36	152	161	56	36
Robertson	341	341	96	96	341	341	96	96
Rusk	1149	1149	519	518	1149	1149	518	517
Sabine	232	232	12	13	232	232	11	7
San Augustine	219	219	34	34	218	218	34	34
San Patricio	64	64	3	3	33	64	3	3
San Saba	115	115	39	39	96	96	39	39
Shelby	425	425	89	78	425	425	78	78
Smith	1155	1155	348	348	1155	1155	348	345
Stamp	40	40	106	106	40	40	106	106
Tannahill	618	618	208	208	616	616	208	208
Titus	884	884	278	275	883	882	278	279
Travis	589	586	421	422	588	587	421	422
Trinity	218	218	27	27	218	218	27	27
Tyler	496	496	8	8	496	465	8	8
Upshur	945	945	334	334	945	945	334	334
Uvalde	81	81	20	20	81	81	20	19
Van Zandt	335	335	29	28	335	335	29	28
Victoria	234	235	93	93	235	235	93	91
Walker	499	499	161	160	497	499	161	1
Washington	908	908	171	176	906	908	7	
Webb	71	71	1	4	84	7		

Counties	Electors for State at Large				Cong. Dist. Election			
	Isaac R. Graham	Thos. N. Manning	Wm. L. Cazneau	Wm. H. Parsons	Chas. Kleiner	John A. Wharton	D. M. Edmonson	Geo. H. Noonan
Wilson	47	47	40	40	77	47	40	40
Wise	169	169	89	89	169	169	89	89
Wharton	213	215	21	21	212	213	21	21
Williamson	487	487	225	226	487	487	225	226
Wood	516	515	252	252	515	516	252	252
Young	98	98	11	11	98	98	11	11
Zapata	151	151			151	151		
Live Oak	133	133	11	11	136	136	11	11
	Graham 47.619.				Steadman 15.506			
	Ward 47.640				Paschal 15.514			
	Rainey 47.387				Edmonson 15.523			
	Wharton 47.547				Robson 15.411			
	4)190.193				4)61.854			
	47.548				15.463			
Rec'd Nov 30th 1860	Comanche	104.	104.	9.	9.	104.	104.	9.	9.
" Dec'r 1, "	Newton	100.	100.	12.	12.	100.	100.	12.	12
" " 4, "	Hidalgo	64.	64.			64.	64.		

Scattering Votes Not Counted - Various Counties

Breckenridge & Lane	Union	Scattering
309	108	154

This is to certify, That on this the twenty sixth day of November 1860, We C. N. Cave, Secretary of State, Sam Houston Governor and George W. Maloney Attorney General, proceeded to open and Count the returns of Votes made to the Secretary of State according to Law of an election held in the several Counties of this State on the Sixth day of November A.D. 1860 - for Four Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, and that Wm. D. Graham, Thomas N. Ward, W. F. Rainey and John A. Wharton were Chosen said Elections, and that the foregoing four pages Contains a True and Correct Statement of the Votes so returned

Secty of State

Governor

Atty Genl

Department of State
Austin Nov 26, 1860

To Hon W. P. Graham

Sir

I have the honor to notify you of your election by the people of this State, as one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Secretary of State

Note — Notices like the above were addressed
to — J. N. Ward
" — A. J. Rainey
" — John A. Wharton

The State of Texas

To All to whom These presents shall Come — Greeting.

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of said State, have nominated, Constituted and Appointed, and by these presents do nominate, Constitute and appoint George J. Durham Esqr, to be the Agent and Attorney in fact for said State, to present to the Government of the United States the claim of the said State for reimbursement of certain ammunition paid for Frontier defence, provided for by Section 2. of Act of Congress, passed March 3. d 1859, and Section 6. of Act of Congress passed January 21. 1860; and the Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Texas, will deliver into the hands of the said George J. Durham, the muster Rolls, Vouchers and all other papers appertaining to said claim. And the said George J. Durham is hereby empowered after filing the Vouchers for said claim with the Secretary of War to obtain such a settlement of the same as may be Compatable with the interest of the State of Texas, and for that purpose he is hereby fully authorized on behalf of said State, to execute and deliver full releases assignments and acquittances therefor and generally to do and perform all such acts as may be necessary or requisite in the premises, and the said George J. Durham, Esqr, is also hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the proper Officer of the United States, drafts upon the Treasurer of the United States, or the Collectors of the Ports of New Orleans or New York, for said amounts ascertained to be due, in Sums of Twenty Thousand Dollars, each or less amount to be payable upon the endorsement of the Governor.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto sign my name and Cause the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the Twenty Seventh day of November, A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fifth, and of Texas the Twenty fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me that at the Fall Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court held in and for the County of Midland in the State of Texas, that Jefferson Cox of said County, was tried upon Indictments exhibited against him for Stealing a Saddle, bridle, and blanket found guilty and sentenced to two years confinement in the State Penitentiary. And Whereas, it has been further represented and made known to me by the petitions of many of the citizens of said County, signed also by the Jurors who rendered the Verdict, that the said Jefferson Cox has always sustained the character of a steady, honest, and industrious man, and pray that a pardon be granted, and it is further represented and made known to me, that the evidence upon which the Verdict was found was of a vague uncertain character and not such as to justify the punishment assessed against him - and from all the facts presented sufficient good cause seems to exist to justify the exercise of Executive Clemency - Therefore, Be it known that I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby grant unto the said Jefferson Cox, a full free pardon for said Offence, and the Sheriff or other officer having charge of the said Cox, will immediately on receipt of this my order and decree release him from further custody for said Offence and Conviction and hold this as authority therefor and the District Clerk of said County will make entry accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 29th day of November A.D. 1860, and in the 85th year of the Independence of the United States, the 25th year of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor.

Secty of State

The State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me, That at the Fall Term A.D. 1859, of the District Court of Travis County, in said State of Texas, a Judgment was rendered against W. D. Scott, the Proprietor of a Hotel in the City of Austin, for allowing Liquors to be drank in the rooms of his guests, without having a License for the same; and Whereas, it has been represented by the petition of divers good Citizens of the said County of Travis, That it has long been the habits of Innkeepers to sell liquor in that manner, and the legality of it a matter not determined.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby remit the said Fine of Fifty dollars imposed as aforesaid, leaving the said Scott bound for all Costs incurred by virtue of said prosecution and Conviction, The same as though this remission had not been made.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 3d day of December A.D. 1859, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States, the 84th and of Texas, the 23d.

By the Governor

Secty of State

To The Citizens of the Frontier

The Commissioners to Take Testimony in regard to Indian Depredations will proceed to the discharge of their duties at the time set forth in the accompanying Schedule, and will hold their Sessions for three days at each County Site.

The Commissioners will sit in the presence of the Chief Justice, and in his absence, the County Clerk, who will administer Oaths. In the absence of one of the Commissioners, the remaining two will act.

Persons testifying as to lost property, will state to the Commissioners the facts upon which they base their belief that the property was stolen by Indians.

First District

Commissioners Messrs G. H. Pierce, Noah Cox, and George Dyer.

Laredo, Webb Co. Jany 7th, Zapata, Zapata Co, Jan 12, Th.
Rio Grande City, Starr Co. " 18. Hidalgo, Hidalgo Co. " 24. "
Brownsville Cameron Co. " " 30. "

Second District

Commissioners, Messrs. H. L. Kinney, J. H. Barry, and Forbes Britton,

Corpus Christi Nueces Co. Decr 31. San Patricio. San Patricio Co. Jany 5. Th.
Refugio, Refugio Co. Jany 11. Beeville Bee Co. " 17. "
Oakville Live Oak Co. " 23.

Third District

Commissioners L. B. Camp, W. C. Jones, and Lorenzo Castro,

Hacienda Atascosa Co. Decr 31. Castroville Medina Co Jany 5. Th.
Uvalde, Uvalde Co. Jany 11. Bandera, Bandera Co. " 17. "
Kerrville Kerr Co. " 23. Fredericksburg Gillespie Co. " 29. "
Blanco, Blanco Co. Feb 2. San Antonio, Bexar Co Feb 8. "

Fourth District

Commissioners Messrs, R. T. Posey, W. C. Wiseman and F. W. Flournoy,

Burnet, Burnet Co. Decr 20, Llano Llano Co, Decr 26. Th.
Mason Mason Co. Jany 1. San Saba San Saba Co. Jany 7. "
Brownwood, Brown Co. " 12. Coma Comanche Co. " 18. "
Hamilton, Hamilton Co. " 24. Gatesville Coryell Co. " 30. "
Lampasas, Lampasas Co Feby 4. Th.

Fifth District

Commissioners, Messrs, Allison, Nelson, A. J. Evans and John H. Prince

Meridian Bosque Co. Decr 20. Th. Stephenville Erath Co Dec 26
Belknap Young Co. Jany 7. " Palo Pinto Palo Pinto Co. Jany 1.
Jacksboro, Jack Co. " 12. " Henrietta Clay Co. " 11.
Montague Montague Co. " 24. " Decatur Wise Co. " 17.
Fort Worth Tarrant Co. Feby 4. " Weatherford Parker Co Feby

Buchanan Johnson Co. February 15th A.D.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the city of Austin this the 15th day of December A.D. 1860 and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th A.D.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

In the name and by the authority of the

State of Texas.

To all To Whom These presents shall come Greeting

Know Ye, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Courage, Patriotism and Integrity of William M Wood, and in his Fidelity to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and his attachment to the United States of America, do hereby appoint him the said William M Wood, Aid de Camp, with the rank of Col to the Commander in Chief of the Fifth division of the Texas Militia, Comprising the Counties of Lamar, Hopkins, Jasper and Hunt, in accordance with an act to provide for the organization of the Militia of Texas, approved Feby 11th A.D. 1860.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the City of Austin this the 3d day of December A.D. 1860 and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

Executive Department
Austin Dec. 15th. 1860

Messrs G. W. Purser, Noah Orr, and George Dyer,

Gentlemen,

It is the desire of the Executive, that You proceed at the time appointed in the enclosed Schedule to receive testimony in regard to losses from Indian depredations in the various Counties of the district to you assigned you.

Blanks have been sent forward to care of the County Clerk of _____ County for your commission. The same will be filled up with the Statements of parties, giving the number and kind of stock. The Chief Justice or County Clerk will then administer Oath and certify with his seal. On the back of each Statement You will write briefly the facts upon which the parties base their belief that the property was taken by Indians.

You will also solicit information from parties testifying, in relation to the number of persons killed by Indians in said County, since 1st day of January 1858; their names, age, and the time they were killed, which you will enter upon a blank prepared for that purpose.

In receiving Testimony you will alone direct your enquiries as to the time the depredations were committed, kind and number of stock and the value of each kind, and the main facts showing that Indians committed the same. You will then ascertain the total and enter the same, when the party will be sworn.

In making your report you will first make a report for each County in your District containing the names of the parties testifying and the total amount of the losses of each, also the number of horses and mules lost by each person, You will also append to the same a Statement of the names and ages of persons killed and the time when killed. Blanks for this report will also be sent forward. After making your report for each County, You will make a general report, showing the total amount of losses &c, in each County of your district. You will receive no Statements as to losses prior to 1846. As it is important to know at as early a period as possible the amount of the losses of our citizens, You will please prosecute the object of your commission with all possible dispatch, and make your reports at as early a period as practicable.

By order of the Governor

Secty of State.

Similar instructions were sent to the Chairmen of each District.

Proclamation
By The Governor of Texas.

Whereas, There has been, and yet is, great excitement existing in the public mind, arising from various causes, touching our relations with the Federal Government and many of the States, and a portion of the people having expressed a desire that the Legislature should be convened in extra session; And Whereas, The Executive desires that such measures should be adopted as will secure a free expression of the popular will through the ballot box, upon the question at issue, involving their peace, interest, security and happiness, and the action of the whole people be made known in relation to the course which it may be proper and necessary for Texas, as one of the States of the Union to pursue, in order to maintain, if possible, her rights in the Union, as guaranteed by the Federal Constitution: And Whereas our frontier is now invaded by Indians, and the lives of our citizens taken and their property destroyed; And Whereas, the Treasury is without means either to defend the frontier, or meet ordinary expenses of government.

Now Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, for the reasons herein set forth, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering the Legislature of the State of Texas to convene in extra session at the Capitol, in the City of Austin, on Monday the 21st day of January, A.D. 1861.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Austin, this the 17th day of December A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the 85th and of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor.

Secty of State

Proclamation
By The Governor of Texas.

Whereas, The Legislature has been ordered to convene in Extra Session on Monday the 21st day of January A.D. 1861, and there exist Vacancies in several of the Senatorial and Representative Districts of the State.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my Proclamation for elections to fill said Vacancies, as follows, towit:

12th Rd Senatorial District Composed of the Counties of Anderson and Houston, one Senator, to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon R. T. Rainy.

14th Senatorial District Composed of the Counties of Shelby and Panola, one Senator, to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon J. Robertson

2d Representative District Composed of the County of Rusk, one Representative, occasioned by the resignation of Hon John McClarty.

60th Representative District Composed of the Counties of Victoria and Goliad, one Representative, to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon J. H. Barnard

The Chief Justice of the several Counties, or any two County Commissioners, if necessary, will therefore give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, within, not more than Ten nor not less than five days from the date of receiving this Proclamation for the election above named Senators and Representatives, and make due returns of said election according to Law.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Austin, this, the 17th day of December A.D. 1860 and in the 85th year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th,

By the Governor

Secty of State.

The State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Fall Term of 1858, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Travis and State of Texas, John Mallet was convicted of a misdemeanor and fined the sum of one hundred dollars and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment of said one hundred dollars and costs, the said defendant was imprisoned in the jail of said County, where he is still confined; And Whereas, a number of respectable Citizens of said County, have presented a petition praying the interposition of Executive Clemency in behalf of said prisoner, and it having been made known to me that the said John Mallet is utterly destitute, and unable to pay the said fine and costs, and that he is sick, and has been for a great while suffering from severe disease, and also with convulsions of frequent occurrence, Now Therefore, in Consideration of said facts, and that the ends of justice cannot demand further imprisonment, Be it Known that I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby fully remit the said fine of One hundred dollars, leaving the judgment in force against him for costs only, And the Sheriff or Jailor of said County of Travis will release the said John Mallet from further Confinement on account of said fine, which is hereby declared forever Cancelled and set aside.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Austin, this the 21st day of December A.D. 1861, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th,

By the Governor

Secty of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term for the year 1860. of the District Court in and for the County of Lampasas and State aforesaid, a judgment was rendered in favor of the State against James Pipton, in the sum of Fifty dollars, besides costs, for selling Spirituous and intoxicating Liquors in quantities less than one quart without first obtaining license therefor; And Whereas, it has been made known to me by petition of a large number of Citizens of said County of Lampasas, That said Pipton was employed as Clerk by one Thomas R Green, the owner of the establishment That said Green had heretofore obtained a License for a given period That before the expiration of said License, Green departed this life, and the said Pipton continued to sell Liquors, as Clerk under the license obtained by his employer Thos R Green notwithstanding the death of said Green had occurred.

Now Therefore, upon Consideration of the premises, I Sam Houston, Governor of said State, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby remit the fine of Fifty dollars imposed as aforesaid, leaving the said Pipton still bound for all costs arising out of the prosecution and conviction of the said Pipton.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 22d day of December 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th,

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the May Term 1859, of the district Court for the County of Milam in the State of Texas, one A.C. Gregory was convicted and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for the Term of two Years and eight months from date of judgment upon an indictment for an Assault with intent to Kill one Matt Harrold, on the first day of June A.D. 1858, and it appearing by the Petition of a large number of the Citizens of said County. That there is reason for the exercise of Executive Clemency in said Case, And it also being shown That the said Arnold was a man of desperate Character and a seeker of difficulties.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas; believing That the ends of justice have been fully served, by the Confinement of the said Gregory since the 4th day of June A.D. 1859, in the State Penitentiary, do hereby grant him a full and free Pardon, and the Superintendent or Keeper of the State Penitentiary will release him from further Custody and for this is his Warrant for the Same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State at Austin, this the 24th day of December A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th

By the Governor

Secty of State

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Executive Office
Austin Dec 27th 1860

To the Executive Authority of the State of Tennessee

Whereas, it appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that Alexander G. Ewing stands charged with the murder of William Tom J.P. committed in this State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Alexander G. Ewing has fled from justice, and taken refuge in Tennessee, Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said Alexander G. Ewing, as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to Andrew Neill, who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of this State to receive him.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 27th day of December A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fifth and of Texas, the 25th Year.

By the Governor

Sec'ty of State.

Election Proclamation

By The Governor of The State of Texas

Whereas, by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, approved February 16th, 1858, the Governor is authorized to Order an election for Seven Delegates to represent Texas in a Convention of the Southern States; and Whereas the Executive has reasons to believe that such a Convention will be held at an early day, in Order to obtain united action on the part of the Southern States, as to the best mode of maintaining the equal rights of such States in the Union, as guaranteed by the Constitution; And Whereas, the extent of the State of Texas, and the time necessary to secure a full and free expression of the people in the election of Delegates, is so great, that the same may not be possible when the time and place of the assembling of said Convention is made known, and Whereas, it is necessary and proper, that the people of Texas should, by the election of Delegates to represent their will, declare their readiness to Co-operate and Consult with the other States in an effort to maintain their Constitutional rights; And Whereas, the people of a number of the Counties of the State, have expressed a desire that said election should be Ordered without delay:

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my Proclamation, ordering elections to be held on Monday, the 4th day of February, A.D. 1861, in each of the Counties of the Seven Districts as hereinafter set forth, as equally Apportioned according to the Vote of the said Counties at the last November election, for a Delegate to represent Co-jointly with the Delegates from other Districts, the State of Texas in a Consultation of the Southern States, to be held at such time and place as may be hereafter made known, of which due notice will be given by the Executive to Delegates elected.

First District

Galveston,
Jefferson, — Polk, — Brazos, — Montgomery, Fort Bend, Matagorda,
Chambers, — Trinity, — Walker, — Harris, — Wharton, — Jackson,
Liberty, — Madison, — Grimes, — Austin, — Brazoria, — Calhoun,

Second District

Refugio — Hidalgo, — El Paso, — Karnes, — Bandera, — Comal, — Caldwell
San Patricio — Starr — Live Oak, — Atascosa — Kerr — Bexar — Goliad

Nueces, — Zapata, — Bee, — Uvalde, — Gillespie, — Wilson — Lavaca,
Cameron, — Webb, — Goliad — Medina, — Blanco, — Guadalupe, — De Witt,
Victoria

Third District

Colorado, — Hays, — Llano, — Lampasas, — Williamson, —
Fayette — Travis — Mason — Coryell — Milam, — Burleson,
Bastrop — Burnett — San Saba — Bell — Washington

Fourth District

Robertson, — Anderson, — Panola, — Angelina, — ——— Newton,
Leon, — Cherokee, — Shelby, — Tyler, — Orange? — Sabine,
Houston, — Rusk, — Nacogdoches, — Hardin — Jasper? — San Augustine

Fifth District

Freestone, — Henderson, — Upshur, — Marion — Wood, — Kaufman,
Navaro — Smith — Harrison, — Cass — Van Zandt, —

Sixth District

Hunt, — Grayson, — Lamar, — Bowie, — Hopkins,
Collin — Dennison, — Red River, — Titus,

Seventh District

Cook, — Ellis, — Polk, — Johnson, — Montague, — Parker, — Brown, — Palo Pinto
Denton, — Hill, — McLennan, — Tarrant, — Clay, — Erath, — Comanche, — Buchanan,
Callahan, — Limestone, — Bosque — Wise, — Jack — Hamilton ——— Young,

And the Chief Justice of the several Counties, (or in case of Vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or refusal of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will therefore give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties in their districts, for the election of one Delegate to a Convention of the Southern States, the said election to be conducted in due form, according to Law, as in other cases, made and provided, and will make due return to the Office of the Secretary of State, within ten days from the time of the holding of the same.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Austin, this, the 27th day of December, A.D. 1860, and of the Independence of the United States, the 85th and of Texas, the 25th,

By the Governor

Secty of State

Proclamation

By The Governor of Texas

Whereas, a Vacancy has occurred in the Representative Branch of the Legislature by the Resignation of the Hon R. L. Young, Representative from the County of Travis.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, do, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me thereby order and direct the Chief Justice of said County, or any two of the County Commissioners, if necessary to give due notice, and Cause a Poll to be opened at the different Precincts of said County, on Monday the 14th day of January 1861, for the election of a Representative for said County, and make due return of said elections according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, This the 28th day of December A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the 25th.

By The Governor

Secretary of State,

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The State of Texas

Executive Department

I, The undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, do hereby order that John M. Bostly of Coryell County deliver to Capt A. B. Burleson of Texas Rangers, all the State arms of any description now in his possession, taking his receipt for same.

In Testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Done at the city of Austin, This 3d day of January 1865 and in the year of the Independence of the United States the Eighty fifth, and of Texas the Twenty fifth.

The State of Texas

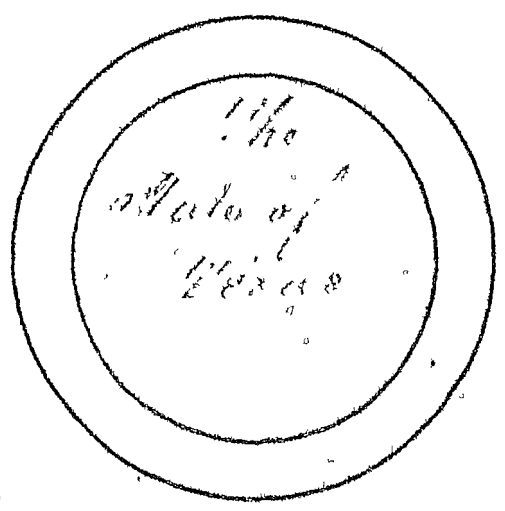
By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Travis, in said State of Texas, one G. Paumont was convicted upon an indictment for selling a bottle of intoxicating liquor to a slave without the written Consent of the Master, Owner or employer of said slave, and find thereof in the sum of fifty dollars and Costs of suit; And Whereas, the said Paumont has made affidavit that when the slave applied for the brandy, said that the brandy was for a sick man, a certain Mr Rose whom he (Paumont) knew to be sick at the time; And Whereas, he further avers that this prosecution and Conviction is the result of a plot on the part of certain persons to get up a Criminal prosecution against him, Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in Consideration of the large and respectable petition of the Citizens of said County, praying the remission of said fine, and for other good and sufficient reasons to me appearing, do hereby remit the said fine of fifty dollars, leaving the said Paumont still liable for all Costs, as though this remission had not been made.

In testimony whereof I hereto Sign my name and affix the great Seal of the State at Austin, this the 8th day of January A.D. 1861, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the 85th and of Texas, the 25th,



By the Governor

Secretary of State,

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Executive Department
Austin Jany 8th 1861

To Capt Jos Walker
Sir

You are hereby appointed Acting Quarter Master to the Troops sent to the defence of the Frontier, under Command of Col H. C. Dalrymple, Aid de Camp. To the Governor, and upon giving and approved security for the faithful performance of the duties of your Office, will enter on the discharge of the same.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Austin, this the 8th day of January, A.D. 1861, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th and of Texas, the 25th.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term, Travis, On the 17th day of December A.D 1860, of the District Court in and for the County of Travis, in said State, a judgment was rendered for fifty dollars, besides costs, against C. Spalding for giving a certain Slave Jack, belonging to C D Travis, a drink of Whisky without any written permission thereof the said Slave saying at the time, he was sick, and Whereas, it is represented said Spalding gave the drink of Whisky more to alleviate the illness of said Slave than any intention whatever, of violating the penal code- Now Therefore,

Be it known that I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me Vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for Satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the said fine of fifty dollars, leaving the said Spalding liable for all costs attending said judgment as though this remission had not been made

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State at the City of Austin, this the 10th day of January A.D 1861 and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty fifth,

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

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The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1851, of the District Court in and for the County of Cameron, in said State of Texas, one Salvadore Guerra was convicted of a Charge of an "Assault with intent to Kill" and Sentenced Therefor To Hard Labor in the State Penitentiary for the Term of Two years; And Whereas, every Superintendent or Officer who has had Charge of him, Speak of him in the highest Terms of Commendation, and that he has only Fifteen days yet To Serve.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws Thereof, and for Satisfactory reasons To me appearing, do Hereby Grant To the said Salvadore Guerra a full and free Pardon for the residue of the term for which he the said Guerra was Sentenced. The Superintendent or other Officer having Custody of the said Guerra To release and discharge him from all further Confinement on account of said Conviction and Sentence.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the City of Austin, this the 14th day of January A.D. 1852, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 76th, and of Texas, the 26th.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, that at the Spring Term 1857, of the District Court held in and for the County of Leon and State of Texas, an indictment was returned against William A. Wheelock et al, charging them with the offence of "Playing at Cards" that the said defendant Wheelock, executed Bond for his appearance in the sum of One hundred dollars, to answer to said Charge; that at the Fall Term 1852, of the District Court of said County, defaults nisi, was entered upon his said bond, declared "forfeited" defendant having failed to appear; that thereafter an Alias Capias issued, and upon its execution, said defendant entered into a recognizance for his appearance to answer said indictment in the sum of Five hundred dollars, and defendant failing to appear, the same was declared forfeited, at the Spring Term 1856, and judgment nisi entered, and at the Fall Term 1856, both the said entries nisi were made judgments, final against the said defendant and sureties; And it is further represented and made known to me, that at the Spring Term 1858, of the District Court of said County, the said defendant Wheelock appeared, was tried and fined the sum of Ten dollars and Costs, And Whereas the said Wheelock has presented his petition praying for Executive relief, Which said petition is signed by many highly respectable Citizens, and sets forth, that the said defendant Wheelock, was prevented from attending the Terms at which the defaults were taken, by sickness, which also appears by Affidavits — That he is poor and unable to pay the said judgments without bringing his family to distress and want. Now, Therefore, in as much as the State was assured by fair trial and Conviction, for said Offence, and in Consideration of the foregoing facts authentically presented, Be it Known, That I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in and by the Constitution and laws do hereby remit the said judgments against said Wheelock & Securities for One hundred dollars, upon forfeited bond, and that upon the forfeited Recognizance for Five hundred dollars, Leaving the judgments in full force for the Costs only incurred by said prosecution, and the Sheriff or other officer having Executions in

hands issued upon said judgments, will stop all proceedings to enforce the collection of any part thereof, except the costs, and the Clerk of the District Court will make entry accordingly.

The State of Texas

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at the city of Austin, this the 14th day of January A.D. 1861, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th,

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

Executive Department
Austin January 16th 1861

To the Executive Authority of the State of Missouri

Whereas, It appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that John Evans, alias G. B. Temple stands charged with the offence of "Swindling" committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said John Evans, alias G. B. Temple, has fled from justice, and taken refuge in Missouri. Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, have thought it proper, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said John Evans alias G. B. Temple, as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to A. J. H. McCarty, who is hereby appointed the agent on the part of the State to receive him.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 16th day of January A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty one, and of the Independence of the United States the 85th and of Texas, the 25th Year.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

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The State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Spring Term of the 1859, in and for the County of Uvalde in said State of Texas, a judgment was rendered against one John M. Davenport for fifty dollars besides costs, for selling Spirituous Liquors in quantities less than a Quart without a License therefor; And it is made known to me that the said Davenport was subsequently killed by the Indians in the latter part of October of the same year; and it is further made known by petition of the citizens of said County, that the payment of said Fine would cause hardship to be taken from the subsistence for the support of the widow and her five children.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby remit the said Fine of fifty dollars rendered as aforesaid, leaving the costs in full force, as though this remission had not been made.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin this the 17th day of January, A.D. 1861 and of the Year of the Independence of Texas, the Seventy fifth.

By the Governor

Secty of State,

The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Fall Term 1858 of the District Court in and for the County of Harris in said State of Texas, one Lewis J. Levin was convicted of an aggravated Assault and one J. J. Sargeant, and fined Thirty in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, besides Costs. And Whereas, It has been made known to me by Petition of a large number of Citizens of Harris County, That said Levin is quite a Youth of steady habits and unexceptionable deportment, and the Payment of said Fine would Operate as a serious embarrassment to his success upon first starting out in life.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby remit the said Fine of Four Hundred Dollars so adjudged against the said Levin, Provided, liable for all Costs accrued in the Prosecution of said Cause, as though this remission had not been made.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto signed my name and affixed the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 30th day of January A.D. 1860, and in the Year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th,

The State of Texas

By The Governor

Secty of State,

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The State of Texas

Whereas, At the Spring Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court held in and for the County of Smith and State of Texas, judgment for the sum of one thousand dollars was rendered by the State against James Stone as Principal, and Ed Pollitt and William Dunn as his Sureties, upon a Forfeited Bond: And Whereas, it has been represented to me by some of the respectable Citizens of said County of Smith, That the said Sureties are worthy Citizens of said County, and that it is the general wish of the people of said County, That the said judgment so far as concerns the said Securities, be remitted; And Whereas, inasmuch as it is the wish of the said Citizens, that the fine be remitted, and that the collection of the same will not obtain the justice sought, but greatly distress a good Citizen. Therefore Be it known, That I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby remit the said judgment of one thousand dollars; So far as concerns the said Surety, and declare the same forever Cancelled, set aside and annulled, Leaving the said judgment in force against said Security for the Costs only, accruing on said Forfeiture & Judgment; And the Sheriff, District Clerk, or Deputies will cause this my Order to be observed and obeyed.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 30th day of January A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th.

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

The State of Texas

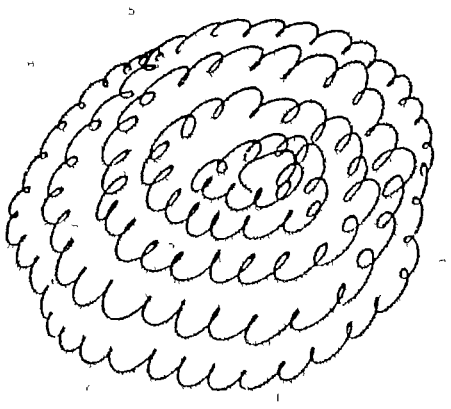
Whereas, At the Fall Term A.D. 1860 of the District Court in and for the County of Colorado, in said State of Texas, James Randolph Burns was Convicted of the offence of the killing of one Cola Brown on the 26th day of January 1860 in the County of Fayette and State of Texas, and found guilty of "Murder in the first degree" And Whereas, That in the Opinion of the Executive, the evidence under which the said Burns was Convicted, was not Sufficient to prove the Charge of Malice necessary to said Conviction, and that in View of the Conflicting Statements of the two Witnesses who saw the difficulty which Terminated in the death of Brown, one Eldon a son of the defendant, and the other a brother in law of the deceased, there was not sufficient Corroborating circumstances to induce the belief that Burns was guilty of Wilful Murder, attended by Malice aforethought, or the Contrary, while the evidence of the boy Eldon Burns is supported by all the facts except those adduced by Spindle, and to a material extent by said evidence, the evidence of Spindle in many particulars Conflicts with facts proved by others, and it also appears that the rights of the defendant to the evidence of the said Spindle were not as fully secured as they should have been, nor was there any evidence adduced beyond that of the said Spindle to prove that the difficulty was any other than a sudden one unpremeditated by either party, but growing out of the Controversy in reference to the act of Brown in turning out the Cattle of Burns. The Statements made as the dying testimony of Brown being proved by the testimony of Dr. Reed to have been made at a time, when the deceased had but hopes of recovery.

Now Therefore

I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas by Virtue of the authority in me Vested by the Constitution and laws thereof, and for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full and Complete Pardon to the said James Randolph Burns, on account of said Conviction as aforesaid, thereby restoring him to Competency as a Witness in all Courts of justice, And hereby direct the Offic

having the custody of the said Burns to discharge him from all further confinement on account of said Conviction.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sign my name, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this 31st day of January A.D. 1866 and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas the 25th,



By the Governor

Secty of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Late Term assisted, of the District Court in and for the County of Smith and State aforesaid, one R Bell was Convicted of an aggravated assault with intent to murder one R. L. Davis, on the 25 day of August 1858. and fined thereon in the sum of Five hundred dollars, and Whereas, It has been represented that the said Bell was at the time of the difficulty under the influence of Liquor, and it is also shown that said Bell is a quiet and peaceable young man when not under the influence of liquor and that on account of said difficulty, he (Bell) has already been greatly punished by Confinement in the County Jail.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority in me Vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby remit the said fine of Two hundred dollars, leaving the said Bell still liable for all Costs incurred by Virtue of the prosecution and Conviction of said Cause.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix the great seal of the State at the city of Austin this the 20 day of February A.D. 1860 and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th, and of Texas, the 25th.

By the Governor

Secty of State

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Election Returns for District Attorney of the 12 Judicial District, December 3d 1860.

	Edward Dougherty	L. S. Bigelow	W. H. Wright	Josiah Markham
Cameron	128	3	5	7
Hidalgo	105			
Starr	14			
Zapata	103			
Webb	77			
	77 —	3 —	5 —	7 —

We The undersigned, do hereby certify, That on this the 2 day of February 1861. We E. W. Cave Secretary of State, Sam Houston Governor, and George Flournoy Attorney General, proceeded to open and count the returns of Votes made to the Secretary of State, as given at an election held in the several Counties of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Texas, on the third day of December 1860, for a District Attorney of said District, and That the foregoing Tabular exhibits a True Statement of the Votes so returned.

The State of Texas.

I Sam. Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify, That from an examination of the returns made according to law to the Secretary of State, of the Votes given for a District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District, at an Election held on the third day of December 1860, in the several Counties

Composing said District. It appears that Edward Dougherty received the highest number of Votes given for said Office, and I hereby declare that Edward Dougherty has been duly elected to said Office.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 25th day of February 1861 and of the Independence of Texas the 25th Year

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas.

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, That at the Spring Term A.D. 1859, of the District Court in and for the County of Houston and State aforesaid, an Indictment was preferred against William Simpson, John Bird, Jo. Robinson and Samuel Bird for robbing one J.D. Gordon of a bay mare - That on the 4th of January 1859, said Simpson entered into a bond, with J.R. Simpson and D.L. Burton as his Securities for his appearance at said District Court to answer said Charge - That said Simpson having failed to appear and answer, judgment final was rendered against the said William Simpson, J.R. Simpson and D.L. Burton at the August Term A.D. 1860, of said Court for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars with Interest thereon until paid, and all Costs of Suit; And Whereas, It has been represented That said William Simpson after making the bond, fled the State unknown, not, however, with a view to avoid the trial on said Indictment; And It has been further represented by a large petition of Citizens of Houston County, That the charge alledged in the Indictment was not sustained by the Testimony of said Gordon, or that of any other Witness in said Cause.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby remit the amount of said forfeiture, leaving the said party defendants bound for all Costs that have accrued thereon, as though this remission had not been made.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name, and affix the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 4th day of February A.D. 1861 and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the 25th.

By the Governor

Secty of State

The State of Texas

To all and singular The Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State, Greeting,

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, by A. B. Moore, Governor of the State of Alabama, that Robert J. Allison late of said State of Alabama, stands charged by Indictment found in the Circuit Court of the 7th Judicial District of said State, in and for the County of Sumter, in said State, with the offence of an assault with intent to murder one James M Tucker and that said Robert J Allison has fled from justice in said State of Alabama, and has taken refuge in the State of Texas; And Whereas the said Governor of the State of Alabama, in pursuance of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, has demanded of me that I cause the said Robert J. Allison to be arrested and delivered to Benjamin Williamson, the duly authorized Agent Appointed by said Governor of the State of Alabama to receive the said Allison into custody and convey him back to the State of Alabama. And Whereas, the said representation and demand are accompanied by a copy of said Indictment, duly certified as authentic by the said Governor of the said State of Alabama.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States issue this my Warrant Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of this State to arrest and to aid and assist in arresting the said Robert J Allison, and deliver him when arrested, to the said Benjamin Williamson, Agent of said State of Alabama, in order that he may be taken back to the State of Alabama to be dealt with for the said offence of an assault with intent to murder."

In Testimony Whereof, I have to sign my name, and cause the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this the 5th day of February, A.D. 1860, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas the 25th,

By the Governor

Secretary of State,

The State of Texas.

Whereas, Facts have been presented to me, showing that at the Fall Term of the District Court, begun and held in and for the County of Smith and State of Texas, December A.D. 1857, J. G. Griswell was tried and convicted of the Crime of Assault with intent to Commit Murder, and his punishment assessed to one years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, from which Verdict Steps were taken for an appeal to the Supreme Court but was not prosecuted, and the sentence of the Court is therefore still suspended; And Whereas, it has been further represented and made known to me that the said Griswell has been for many Years, and before the Commission of the alledged Offence, in such condition of mind as to render it doubtful whether or not he is properly amenable to the Law. Therefore, and in Consideration of the urgent prayer of some of the respectable Citizens of said County, Be it Known that I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the power Vested in me by the Constitution and Laws, do hereby grant unto the said J. G. Griswell a full free pardon for said Offence, and the Sheriff, Jailor or other Officer having him in Custody, is hereby and by Virtue hereof, Ordered to release him, and the Clerk of the District Court of Smith County will make entry accordingly.

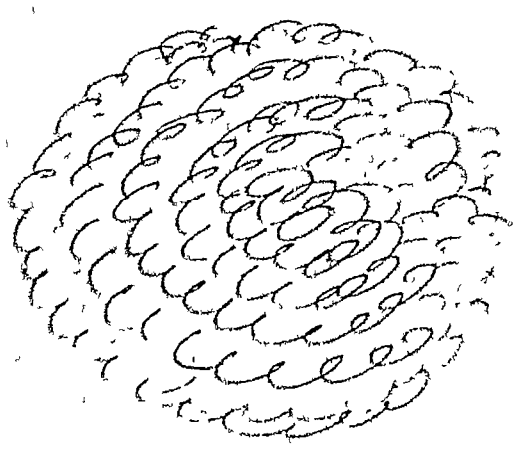
Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 5th day of February A.D. 1858, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 82d, and of Texas the 23d,

By the Governor

Secty of State,

State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. of the District Court of Fayette County, held in and for the County of Fayette, in said State, a Negro Man named Bill, the property of one Thomas Samples a Citizen of said County, was tried and convicted of an Assault with intent to Kill, upon the body of George A. Durand, a free White man which under the laws of Texas is punished with death. And Whereas, Satisfactory evidence appearing That said negro boy did not intend to Commit the said Crime of which he has been Convicted, and upon After hearing a duly & numerous supported petitions for Executive Clemency. Now Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State aforesaid, do, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, grant full and free pardon To the said negro Slave Bill, and the Sheriff of Fayette County, having Custody of the said negro boy, upon the presentation of These Presents, will release from his Custody and all restraint of the said owner of Bill, this said pardon.



In witness Whereof I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, Done at the City of Austin, this 5th day of February A.D. 1861, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the 85th and of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Secty of State

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by the several acts of the Legislature of the State of Texas, hereto appended, it is declared that an Ordinance dissolving the connection of Texas with the Federal Union, shall be submitted to the people of Texas, for their ratification or rejection; And Whereas, it is also declared, that an election shall be held on the 23d day of February A.D. 1861, at which the qualified electors of the State shall vote upon the same, and it is made the duty of the Governor to issue Proclamation for the same.

Now therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, in Obedience to law, do issue this my Proclamation, directing the Chief Justices of the various Counties of the State, (or in case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or the failure or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties on the said 23d day of February A.D. 1861, at which the qualified electors will signify their approval or disapproval of said Ordinance by the use of the words, "For Secession" or "Against Secession".

And the Chief Justices or County Commissioners as the case may be, shall cause returns to be made to them of said election, on or before the 26th day of February, A.D. 1861, And they shall on that day make duplicate returns of the same, as provided for in the two acts of the Legislature hereto appended.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Austin, this the 9th day of February A.D. 1861, and of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fifth, and of Texas the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secty of State,

Joint Resolution

Concerning the Convention of the people of Texas, called in pursuance of the Bill of Rights.

Whereas, The people of Texas, being much concerned for the preservation of the rights, liberties and powers of the State and its inhabitants, endangered by the political action of a majority of the States, and the people of the same, have in the exercise of powers reserved to themselves, in the Bill of Rights, called a Convention, composed of two members for each Representative in the Legislature, from the various districts established by the apportionment law of 1861, to assemble on the 28th day of January 1861, at the City of Austin; which said Convention, by the terms of the call, made by numerous assemblages of Citizens in various parts of the State, was, when elected and assembled, to have power to consider the condition of public affairs; to determine what shall be the future relations of this State to the Union, and such other matters as are necessarily and properly incident thereto; and in case it should be determined by said Convention, that it is necessary for the preservation of the rights and liberties aforesaid, that the Sovereignty of Texas, should resume the powers delegated to the Federal Government in the Constitution of the United States, and by the articles of annexation, then the ordinance of said Convention resuming said delegated powers, and repealing the ratification by the people of Texas of said articles of annexation should be submitted to a Vote of the qualified electors of this State, for their ratification or rejection; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Government of the State of Texas, hereby gives its assent to, and approves of the Convention aforesaid.

Sec 2. That this Resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

With a protest against the assumption of any powers, on the part of said Convention beyond and the purpose of the question of a long and Connection of Texas with the Union, to the people.

Approved, Feby 4th 1861.

(Signed) Sam Houston

An Act

To provide for submitting the Ordinance of Secession to a vote of the people.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the Chief-Justice, or other County Officer, required by the direction of the State Convention and presiding officers of precincts of the several Counties of the State are hereby empowered and required to order and to hold elections in their respective Counties, and at their several precincts, on such day or days as may be prescribed therein for the ratification or rejection of the Ordinance of Secession passed by a Convention of the people, assembled in the City of Austin, on the 1st day of February A.D 1861. and to conduct said election in all respects according to the existing Laws regulating elections for members of the Legislature, and make returns thereof in such manner and to such persons, and within such time as may be prescribed by said Convention, under all the penalties prescribed in the laws aforesaid.

Sec 2. ——. That all qualified electors for members of the Legislature of this State, shall be entitled to vote at said elections at any precinct in the State, and indicate their approval or disapproval of said Ordinance by the use of such terms as may be prescribed by said Convention.

Sec 3. —— That this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed February 7th 1861.

An Act

Supplementary to an Act entitled "an Act to provide for submitting the Ordinance of Secession to a vote of the people" passed at the present session.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and required to issue forthwith his Proclamation for an election provided for in the act to which this is a Supplement, directing the vote to be taken and returns to be made in the manner prescribed in said Act and in the ordinance of the Convention which

Sec 2. — In addition to the returns to be made as provided in the ordinance aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the County Officers, to whom returns of said elections are made, to make returns of their respective Counties to the Secretary of State, and such returns shall be filed and counted by him in the presence of the Governor and Attorney General. Any returns received within fifteen days after the 2d day of March, 1861, shall be in like manner filed and counted, and all such returns shall become a part of the State Department.

Sec. 3. — This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, with the protest against the above third section, February 9th, 1861.

(Signed) Sam Houston

The State of Texas
Department of State,

I, the undersigned, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing, is the Original Joint Resolutions and Acts, now on file in the State Department.

Given under my hand and official seal of the State Department, at Austin, this the 9th day of February A.D. 1861.

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Secretary of State

Proclamation

By The Governor of Texas

Whereas, There are sixty Vacancies in both branches of the Eighth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my Proclamation for Elections to fill said Vacancies, as follows, Viz:

15th Senatorial district— Composed of the Counties of San Augustine, Newton, Jasper, and Sabine— One Senator, to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. M. C. Wallace.

61st Representative district— Composed of the County of Colorado— One Representative,— to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Sam. Bryan.

71st Representative district, Composed of the County of Denton, Cooke and Grayson, and such other Counties as shall be formed out of the original District, one Representative, To fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. W. H. Cocke.

44th Representative district — Composed of the County of Washington, one Representative To fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Frank Lubbock.

63d Representative district, Composed of the County of Guadalupe, one Representative, To fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. A. D. Anderson.

69th Representative district — Composed of the Counties of Cameron and Hidalgo, one Representative, To fill the Vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Edward Daughtry.

The Chief Justices of the several Counties, or any two Commissioners, if necessary, in the foregoing districts, are hereby required to hold the said Elections at the several Precincts of their respective Counties, on Monday the 24th day of March next, for the elections of the above named Senators and Representatives and make due returns of said Elections according to Law.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at Austin, this the 11th day of February, 1859, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 83rd, and of Texas the 23d

By the Governor

Secty of State.

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Proclamation

By the Governor of Texas,

Whereas, a Vacancy has occurred in the 29th Senatorial District of the Legislature of the State of Texas, by the death of the Hon Forbes Britton

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by Law, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices of the Counties of Travis, Webb, Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio, and Kinney, and each other Counties as have been formed out of said Counties, — One Senator, to fill said Vacancy.

The Chief Justices of the several Counties of said District, or any two County Commissioners, if necessary, will therefore give due Notice, and cause Polls to be opened at the several Precincts of their respective Counties, on Monday the 4th day of March next, for the Election of one Senator to fill said Vacancy, and make due returns of said Election, according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Austin, this the 14th day of February, A.D. 1861, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty fifth

By the Governor

Sam Houston

Secty of State

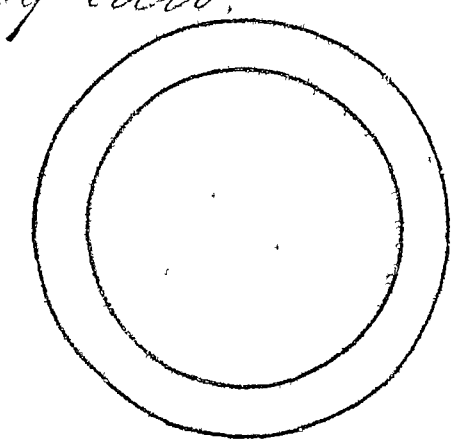
Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, a Vacancy has occurred in the Representative Branch of the Eighth Legislature of said State from the County of Bastrop, by the resignation of the Hon. P. H. Davis.

Now therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and direct that an election be held in the said County of Bastrop, on Monday the 4th day of March 1861, for the election of a Representative to fill said Vacancy.

The Chief Justice of said County, or any two County Commissioners, if necessary, will therefore give the proper notice, and cause an election to be held at the several precincts of said County, and make due returns of said election, as required by law.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Austin this the 15th day of February A. D. 1861 and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Proclamation

By The Governor of The State of Texas,

Whereas, a Vacancy has occurred in the 65th Representative District of this State, comprising the Counties of Nueces, San Patricio and Refugio, by the resignation of Hon. W. F. Kinney.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Law, hereby order and direct an election to be held in the said County, on Monday the 4th day of March next, 1861, for the election of a Representative to fill said Vacancy.

The Chief Justices of the several Counties of said District, or any two County Commissioners if necessary, will therefore give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several places of their respective Counties, on Monday the 4th day of March next, for the election of one Representative to fill said vacancy, and make due return of said election according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this 16th day of February A.D. 1861 and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th and of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Secty of State,

Proclamation

By The Governor of The State of Texas

Whereas, a Vacancy has occurred in the Representative Branch of the Eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, for the County of Upshur, by the resignation of Hon D. B. Culberson,

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and direct that an election be held in the said County of Upshur on Monday, the 4th day of March 1861, for the election of a Representative to supply said Vacancy.

The Chief Justice of said County, or any two County Commissioners, if necessary, will therefore give the proper notice, and cause an election to be held at the several precincts of said County, and make due return of said election, as required by Law.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Austin, this the 17th day of February A.D. 1861, and of the Independence of Texas the 25th,

By the Governor

Secty of State

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Proclamation

By The Governor of The State of Texas.

Whereas, a vacancy has occurred in The 60th Representative District of the Eighth Legislature of The State of Texas, by The resignation of Hon John H Reed.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in and by law, do hereby order and direct That The Chief Justice of The several Counties Comprising said District, Towit Victoria, and Goliad, and such portions of other Counties, as have been formed out of said Counties, and Representation, To supply said Vacancy.

The Chief Justices of The several Counties of said District, or any two County Commissioners, if necessary, will Therefore give due notice, and cause Polls To be opened at The several Precincts of their respective Counties, on Monday The 4th day of March A.D. 1861, for The election of one Representative To fill said Vacancy, and make due return of said election, according To Law.

Given under my hand and The Great Seal of the State at The City of Austin, This The 18th day of February A.D. 1861, and in The year of The Independence of Texas, The Twenty fifth.

By order of The Governor

Sam Houston.

Secty of State.

Executive Department

Austin, Feb. 23d 1861.

To the Hon Board Com. of Pilots.
Port of Galveston

The Appointments and Commissions of Thomas B. King, Charles Fowler, and Ely Watson as Branch Pilots for the Port of Galveston, are hereby revoked and You will forthwith give notice of the same, assigning as a ground for such revocation the failure on their part to engage constantly in the business of Piloting.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at Austin, this the 23d day of February 1861 and in the independence of Texas, the Twenty fifth Year

By the Governor

Sam Houston

The State of Texas

To all and singular, The Sheriffs, Constables and other civil Officers of said State. Greeting.

Whereas, It has been represented and made Known To me, by Joseph E. Brown, Governor of the State of Georgia, by the affidavit of Virgil Powers, of the County of Bibb, State of Georgia, That, "On or about the fifteenth day of January 1861. in the County of Bibb in said State, one James M Jenkins, did then and there commit the crime of Larceny of a Tree raised" and that said James M Jenkins has fled from justice in said State, and has taken refuge within the State of Texas; And Whereas, The said Governor of the State of Georgia, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, has demanded of me, That I cause the said Jenkins To be arrested and delivered To Moses N Baldwin The duly authorized agent Appointed by said Governor of the State of Georgia To receive said Jenkins into Custody and convey him back To the said State of Georgia; And Whereas the said representation and demand is accompanied by said affidavit, duly certified as authentic, by the said Governor of the State of Georgia.

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, do, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and of the United States, issue this my Warrant Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of this State, To arrest and To aid and assist in arresting the said James M Jenkins, and deliver him when arrested To the said Moses N Baldwin, Agent of said State of Georgia, in order that he may be taken back To said State of Georgia To be dealt with for said crime of "Larceny after a Tree raised" according To Law.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto Sign my name and cause The great Seal of the State To be affixed. At the City of Austin, this the 23d day of February A.D. 1861, and in the 85th year of the Independence of the United States, the 85th, and of Texas the 25th,

By the Governor

Secty of State.

The State of Texas.

Whereas, There exists a vacancy in the 67th Representative District of the Legislature of the State of Texas, arising from the resignation of Hon. Thos. E. Hayes. Now, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby order and direct the Chief Justice or County Commissioners' Court of the County of Stamp Smith to order an election to be held in said County, Comprising said District to fill the vacancy aforesaid, giving notice as in general elections and to hold and return the same as in such cases provided by Law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Austin this the 20th day of February A.D. 1861

By the Governor

Secty of State.

In the Name, and by the Authority of
The State of Texas.

To all to whom these presents shall come.
Greeting

Know Ye, That I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Courage, Patriotism and Integrity of S. M. Swenson, and in his Fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and his attachment to the United States of America, do hereby appoint him, the said S. M. Swenson, a Volunteer Aid de Camp, to the Governor and Commander in Chief of the Militia of Texas, in the Fourteenth Division of the Same, Comprising the Counties of Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Milam, Williamson, Burnett, Bell, and Lampasas.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this, the Fourth day of February A.D. One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty one, and in the year of the Independence of the United States, the Eighty Fifth, and of Texas, the Twenty Fifth.

By the Governor

Secty of State

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, an election was ordered to be held on the 23d day of February A.D. 1861, at which the People of Texas, were Called upon to Vote in favor or against "Secession" from the Government of the United States; And Whereas, said election was held and returns thereof received on the 2nd day of March and have been opened and Counted as required by Law; and it appearing that a majority of said Votes, as well as a majority of the Districts elected Were in favor of "Secession",

Now therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my Proclamation declaring that a large majority of the Votes received and Counted, of said election, are in favor of the "Secession" of the State of Texas from the United States of America.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Texas, at Austin, this the 4th day of March A.D. 1861.

By the Governor

Secty of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, a Vacancy has occurred in the Representative Branch of the Eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, for the County of Austin, by the resignation of Hon Jasper N Deane.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby Order and direct that the Chief Justice or any two County Commissioners of said County, if necessary, will therefore give the proper notice, and cause an election to be held at the several precincts of said County, within not less than five days after receiving this proclamation, for the election of a Representative to supply said Vacancy, and make due returns thereof according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Great seal of the State at Treasury of Austin this the 4th day of March A.D. 1861

By the Governor

Secty of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me by Petition of Sundry Citizens of Runnels County, That at the Fall Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court in and for the County of Runnels in said State of Texas, one Elisha M. Rice was prosecuted and Convicted of an Assault upon the Sheriff in the discharge of his duty, and fined one hundred dollars Thereupon. And Whereas, This being the case of a poor man, and the assurance that all the parties were greatly excited; and in addition that he has a large family to support by his industry.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit the said fine of one hundred dollars imposed as aforesaid, - leaving the said Rice still bound for all Costs accrued by virtue of said prosecution and Conviction, as though this remission had not been made, and the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Runnels, will make entry upon his Record accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the city of Austin, this the 4th day of March A.D. 1861 and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the 26th,

By the Governor

Secty of State.

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The State of Texas

Whereas, a vacancy exists in the United States Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Harris, Brazoria, by the resignation of Henry Marie Delafield

Now Therefore, I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices of the County Commissioners Courts of said Counties, within said district, cause elections to be held at the several Precincts in said Counties on the first Saturday in August A.D. 1859 for the purpose of electing a Senator to fill said vacancy, and cause the returns of said elections to be made to the Secretary of State.

Given under my hand and the great seal of State at Austin this the 14th day of June A.D. 1859

By the Governor

Secretary of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me, That one James Burrell, was tried before the District Court of Austin County, in said State of Texas, for the Crime of Murder, was found guilty and Sentenced to death, thereof, That many good and respectable Citizens of said County, presented a Petition praying a Pardon of the said convict or a Commutation of his punishment, and that accordingly, was commuted to "imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary," where he is now confined, And whereas, it is now represented and made known to me, by sundry good and reliable Citizens, who pray for extenuating circumstances in behalf of the said Convict, That he is suffering from a severe ill health, brought on by his Confinement of six years, — That he has been humble and obedient during said term, and that his friends, who also humbly pray for his release as a last solace in declining life, are poor, aged and infirm. Therefore, Be it known that I, Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby grant unto the said James Burrell, a full free pardon for said offence and conviction; and the Superintendent of Keeper of the State Penitentiary will, immediately on receipt of this order, release the said James Burrell from further Confinement for said offence and conviction, and hold this as authority therefor.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 9th day of March A.D. 1861, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the 26th,

By the Governor.

Secretary of State,

The State of Texas

To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, It has been represented and made known to me, that, at the Fall Term A.D. 1860, of the District Court in and for the County of Harris and State aforesaid, one Jack Robinson was convicted of stealing a pistol, and sentenced thereupon to the State Penitentiary for the Term of Two years; And Whereas, it has been represented that the circumstances under which said Robinson took the pistol, does not justify the conclusion that it was a clear theft; And Whereas, said Robinson is quite a young man, and believing that time he has already been confined in the Penitentiary is sufficient to satisfy the ends of justice, Now, Therefore, I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant to the said Jack Robinson, a full Pardon for the offence for which he was sentenced to the Penitentiary, and hereby direct the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, or other officer having the custody of said Robinson, to release and discharge him from any further confinement on account of said conviction and sentence.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the city of Austin, this the 9th day of March A.D. 1861, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the 26th,

By the Governor

Secty of State.

Department of State
Austin March 13th 1861

Hon L. Pope Walker
Sir

Your letter of March 2d has been received by His Excellency Governor Houston, and I am instructed to reply.

The people of Texas by their vote on the 23d ult. having severed their connection with the United States, Texas on the 2d day of March, the present month, assumed once again the position of a Sovereign and independent State. The act of the people since that period and certainly none anterior to it, has warranted the construction that Texas is other than independent. Your letter of March 2d however informing His Excellency that the President of the Confederate States "assumes control of all military operations in this State." The inference therefore is, that Texas is regarded as one of the Confederate States and as such subject to the Provisional Government established for the same.

While Texas has by the vote of a majority of the people determined to resume once again the nationality with which she parted on becoming annexed to the Federal Union, her position before the world and especially in relation to the Confederate States, seems to be misunderstood. This may arise from the fact that the Convention which assembled in Austin on the 28th day of January last, and has since re-assembled, elected Seven delegates to the Convention of Seceding States at Montgomery, who on the 2d of March, as His Excellency has been unofficially informed, took their seats in the Congress of the Confederate States, by virtue of which Texas was declared one of the Confederate States. Leaving out of question the fact, that on the 2d of March, the said delegates had no information as to the withdrawal of Texas from the Federal Union. There is no evidence that they had received any warrant from the people of Texas for the act. The Convention which elected them as delegates represented but a minority of the people of Texas. The Legislature delegated to it the power to submit the question of Secession to a vote of the people. Neither by the terms of the call, under which the delegates were elected, the vote they received, or the act of the Legislature recognizing them to perform the function assigned, were they empowered to elect delegates to aid in the formation of a Provisional Government with other States, or to adopt creating the same, should constitute them members of Congress.

The object of the Convention was clear

to be to provide the mode by which the people of Texas should re-assume their complete sovereignty. Yet, judging from the tenor of your Communication, Texas was on the day provided for declaring her independence of the United States, and before any considerable portion of her people knew the result of the Vote, again deprived of her sovereignty and instead of an independent Nation, became one of the Confederate States, subject to a Government which her people had no share in making and a Constitution which but few of them had ever seen.

Admitting even that the Convention had power to elect delegates and members of Congress to the Provisional Government of the Confederate States, the facts show that even in its estimation, the delegates elected were not empowered to annex Texas to said Provisional Government on the 2d day of March and that until official information is received that Texas has been admitted as one of the Confederate States, Texas maintains the independent position resulting from the vote of her people on the 23d of February.

The Convention itself did not until the 5th day of March pass an Ordinance ratifying the Constitution of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States and instructing its delegates to apply for the admission of Texas. There can be no other conclusion therefore, than that, at the time your Communication was addressed to His Excellency, Texas was not even in the estimation of the Convention, one of the Confederate States and therefore not subject to the Provisional Government or in any way under the "Control" of its President, until therefore, His Excellency is informed from some official source, that the People of Texas have parted with their Sovereignty and became a part of the Government, on whose part you write, I am instructed to say he cannot recognize any Obligation to the same.

The people alone have the right to say what form of Government they will have. And which His Excellency fully appreciates. The fact that your Communication has been addressed him with a conviction arising from the presence of delegates from Texas in the Councils of the Provisional Government that the people have acted, but frankly assuring you that such in his opinion, is not the case.

It also becomes my duty to inform you that His Excellency has notified the Convention, whose delegates are accredited to Montgomery, that

he does not recognize it as a Convention of the People of Texas its powers having Terminated with the reference of the question of Secession to a Vote of the People of Texas, since the Submission of the Ordinance he has had no Correspondence with the Convention other than to deny its authority.

His Excellency had no information of the proposed Operations against the Forts and Arsenals upon the frontier until after they had been Taken in possession by the Convention. I feel at Liberty, to say however, that none of the arms, munition of war, Forts &c, lately held by the United States in Texas, have come into the possession of his Excellency or Officers acting under him except the Post at Camp Cooper, which was taken possession of by Col H. E. Dalrymple of the State Troops. The United States Cavalry, some 250 in number were allowed to take up the line of march to San Antonio, where all the Public property, arms &c, excepting their arms of Office are to be delivered to Competent State authority. His Excellency is informed that a number of the other Military Posts, with the Public property thereto belonging have fallen into the possession of Agents of the Convention who have acted without his knowledge or sanction, and who hold the same independent of his authority. He has learned that by the terms of the agreement made, the Troops are permitted to carry off their arms and Artillery Companies their field batteries.

The Public property lately belonging to the United States, being nearly all in the possession of the Convention, the information you desire can be obtained at its hands. I will also state that an Ordinance has passed by that body on the 9th inst. declaring the title to all such Property vested in the State of Texas.

I take pleasure in assuring you on the part of His Excellency that nothing but a sense of the obligation he owes to the people, and a desire to maintain their rights and interests lead him to the course indicated in this Communication. The States which have formed the Provisional Government have his ardent wishes for their welfare and prosperity. The People of Texas are not bound to show in feeling and sympathy, no less closely than with members of a Common Union. Like circumstances induce withdrawal from the Union. Like perils and uncertainty are before them. No matter the

The position of Texas may be, She cannot but feel that ties of no common nature bind her to these States. But however close those ties may be in feeling, there are requirements due the National pride and dignity of a people, who have just resumed their nationality, which do not sanction the course pursued in annexing Texas to a new Government without their knowledge or consent.

Mr Calhoun desires me to tender you the assurances of his esteem and consideration

I am Respectfully Your
obt. Servt

Sec of State

To Hon L Pope Hamilton
Sec of War

The State of Texas

Whereas, Henry Weeks, at the Fall Session 1860, of the District Court held in and for the County of Harris and State aforesaid was tried and found guilty of Theft and Sentenced thereafter to two years Confinement in the State Penitentiary; And Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that the said Weeks is but a youth of highly respectable and aged Parents, and has Himself heretofore sustained a good character, and that the Crime, if he did Commit it, and for which he was convicted, was done under the influence of an adviser and assistant who managed to escape himself, by artfully throwing the blame upon the said Weeks; And Whereas, a number of good and reliable Citizens of said County and State, have presented their Petition representing facts that go to show that the blame chiefly rests upon another person, and pray for Executive clemency in behalf of said Weeks,

Therefore, Be it known that I Sam Houston Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby grant unto the said Henry Weeks, a full free pardon, and the Keeper of the State Penitentiary, or other officer having charge of the said Weeks, is hereby released from further Confinement or Custody by virtue of said charge and conviction, and shall this is authority therefor.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin this the 14th Day of March A.D. 1861, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the 85th and of Texas the 26th.

By the Governor

Secty of State

The State of Texas.

Whereas at the Fall Term 1860, of the District Court in and for the County of Tyler and State aforesaid, one Felix Reid was convicted of an aggravated Assault on one ——— Duncan, and sentenced thereafter to three months imprisonment in the County Jail of said County of Tyler, and fined in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars; and Whereas, it has been represented to me that said Reid, is now and has been in prison ever since his conviction — That his health has been seriously injured by his said Confinement — That he is a poor man with a wife and several Children who are entirely dependent on his exertions for subsistance; It is also made known that said Reid has been a sober and law abiding Citizen, except in this solitary instance, for which he has been Convicted as aforesaid, and that in said Assault, said Duncan received no serious injury. Therefore.

Now Therefore I, Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws thereof, do hereby grant to the said Felix Reid a full and complete pardon for the Offence, for which he was convicted as aforesaid, and the Officer having the custody of said Reid is hereby directed to release him (Reid) from all further Confinement on account of said sentence, and the Clerk of said County of Tyler will make such entries on his Records as will give due effect to this remission of the said fine of Five Hundred Dollars imposed as aforesaid

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the city of Austin, this the 15th day of March A.D. 1861, and in the year of the independence of Texas the 25th.

By the Governor

Sam Houston

Secretary of State.

The State of Texas

Whereas, a vacancy has occurred in the 25th Senatorial district of the Legislature of this State, Composed of the Counties of Bastrop Travis and Burnet, by the resignation of Hon Ed Simons.

Now Therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by Law, do Hereby Order and direct the Chief Justices of said Counties, or any two County Commissioners, if necessary thereof, to give due notice and cause Polls to be opened at the several precincts in their respective Counties on monday the 25th day of March, Inst for the Election of a Senator to fill said Vacancy, and make due return of said election according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the city of Austin, this the 16th day of March A.D. 1861 and in the Year of the Independence of Texas, the 26th.

By the Governor

Secty of State

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The State of Texas.

Whereas, It has been made Known To me, That at The Spring Term A.D. 1866, of The District Court of Harris County in said State of Texas, Judgment Final for The sum of One Thousand Dollars, and Costs was rendered against Reuen Drennan, as Principal and Peter Dyckman and Others as Sureties upon Bond given for The appearance of said Drennan before the said District Court to answer an Indictment for Stealing; And Whereas, it appears by The petition of many good Citizens of said County, That two of The Sureties have died insolvents leaving The burthen of the judgment upon said Dyckman — That he has a large family To support and is himself in a depressed and doubtful condition of mind, and That The payment of said judgment would bring a large and helpless family to want; and believing from all The facts presented, That good Cause exists for The exercise of Executive Clemency, Therefore, I Do Hereby, Pardon, I, Sam Houston, Governor of The State of Texas, by Virtue of the authority Vested in me by The Constitution and Laws thereof, do hereby freely remit The said judgment as To The said Dyckman, leaving The same in force against him for The costs only, incurred by The prosecution of said Cause, and The Sheriff or other officer having Execution in their hands issued upon said judgment, will stop all further proceedings To Collect The same out of the property of The said Dyckman, and hold This as authority therefor, and The Clerk of the District Court of said County, will make entry according To This my order

Given under my hand and The Great Seal of the State, at The City of Austin This The 16th Day of March A.D. 1866 and in The 90th year of the Independence of Texas, The 26th,

By The Governor

Secty of State

The State of Texas.

Whereas, a vacancy has occured in the 25th Senatorial District of the Legislature of this State composed of the Counties of Bastrop. Travis and Burnet by the resignation of the Hon. E. D. Townes.

Now therefore, I, Pan Hamilton, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Law, do hereby Order and direct the Chief Justices of said Counties or any five County Commissioners, if necessary, therefore to give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several Precincts in their respective Counties, on Monday the 25th day of March, Inst. for the election of a Senator to fill said vacancy, and make due return of said election according to Law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the city of Austin this the 15th day of March A. D. 1861 and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty Sixth.

The State of Texas

By the Governor

Secretary of State.